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Film 1

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Based on the novel "Restless" by William Boyd

The story of British Secret Service operations in the USA during 1940-41 is one of the last great secrets of World War II, and indeed it remains a major political and diplomatic embarrassment. The <u>Washington Post</u>

1 FADE IN -- 1

AERIAL SHOT -- We are HIGH ABOVE a classic English Landscape, Looking down.

Fields, hedgerows, copses. Sunken lanes. "The Heart of England".

MOVE IN, MOVE DOWN -- to FIND a small CAR -- a Renault 5 -- a bit bashed about, a bit sun-faded, being driven at a fair lick along these minor roads.

CAPTION: "CAMBRIDGESHIRE, ENGLAND, 1976"

HOLD on the car as we MOVE IN CLOSER and CUT TO --

2 INT RENAULT 5 DAY

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A YOUNG WOMAN is at the wheel. Very pretty but with a serious look. A clever person. Wearing sunglasses. Long 0 0 0 sc ql  $\,$ 

RUTH

(smiles. This is true)
Well... We're all strange when
you come to think about it. I'm
strange, you're strange...

**JOCHEN** 

But we're not as strange as her.

Ruth smiles, shrugs. Maybe he has a point...

# 3 EXT/INT MIDDLE ASHTON/RUTH'S CAR DAY

3

The Renault 5 motors into a perfect, isolated English village. Thatched cottages. A pub. A manor house. Towering beech trees.

Parked in front of the pub is a lorry, delivering kegs of beer. The gap is narrow, very narrow. Ruth's car does not slow down.

JOCHEN Sally? We're he-re!

They look at each other. Silence.

CREAK. A door opens at the end of the passage. They turn.

Sitting in the doorway is a very attractive OLDER WOMAN (in her 60s) sitting in a wheelchair. Grey hair well cut, fine featured. Shrewd eyes. This is Ruth's mother, SALLY GILMARTIN. She smiles. Her voice is clear and strong.

**SALLY** 

Hello, darlings.

Ruth and Jochen look on in astonishment as Sally wheels herself into the hall.

**RUTH** 

My god. What's happened? What's with the wheel chair? --

Sally steps out of it. Smiles brightly. She kisses them.

**SALLY** 

I fell and hurt my back. Doctor said not to overdo the walking.

She opens the door and peers out. MOVE IN ON HER FACE -- her eyes narrow, darting her gaze here and there, looking for something. She relaxes. Shuts it again.

SALLY

Did anyone follow you?

RUTH

What? No. I mean... What're you talking about? "Follow" us? --

But Sally strides past them and into the kitchen. Ruth follows Sally into the big kitchen. Jochen trailing behind.

Ruth glances back and she and Jochen look at each other.

Jochen's expression says "See? I told you. VERY strange."

INT SALLY'S COTTAGE, KITCHEN DAY

SALLY

How's the thesis going?

RUTH

Slowly but surely.

SALLY

Wouldn't a job be better?

RUTH

I'll get a better job with a PhD.

SALLY

A PhD on "Anarchist Politics in Post-War Germany"?

RUTH

A PhD is a PhD.

**SALLY** 

A PhD is a route to a job.

RUTH

Who says I want a "job"?

She lights up, plumes smoke at the ceiling. Sally shrugs, reaches for the cigarette has a puff. Hands it back.

SALLY

How's Jochen getting on?

RUTH

He's fine. Likes his school.

SALLY

What I was trying to say, in my clumsy way, is -- it's not too much for you, is it? Cambridge University, thesis, teaching foreign students, on your own with a little boy...

RUTH

We're fine, Sal. Don't worry. We're happy.

**SALLY** 

Doesn't he miss his father?

RUTH

Karl-Heinz has the right to see him whenever he wants. (smiles thinly) Well, as long as I agree.

Ruth drinks her wine. Looks intently at her mother.

RUTH

So... Hadn't you better tell me?

SALLY

What?

RUTH

What's with this wheelchair lark?...

Sally meets her gaze for a beat. Gets up, clears plates, takes them to the sink.

By the sink we'll spot a pair of HIGH-POWERED BINOCULARS.

Sally picks them up, trains them on the wood beyond.

SALLY

Things are going on...

THROUGH THE BINOCULARS -- Jochen runs across frame, a blur.

THROUGH THE BINOCULARS -- Moving. The wood. The trees. SUDDENLY! -- A PERSON APPEARS between the trees for a split-second. A flash. Binoculars whip back. Refocus. Nothing.

Ruth Lowers the binoculars. Frowns. Madness. Paranoia.

Sally comes back in. Ruth turns. Sally is holding something in her hand. A file containing pages of manuscript. Holds it out to Ruth. Ruth hesitates. She reaches out. Pauses. For a second they each have a hand on the file.

**RUTH** 

What's this?

**SALLY** 

Read it, you'll see.

Ruth takes the file. Looks at what's written on the cover

CLOSE SHOT -- A big handwritten scrawl on the cover says:

"THE STORY OF EVA DELECTORSKAYA"

Ruth looks at the title. Looks at her mother.

RUTH

Who the hell is Eva Delectorskaya?

SALLY

(evenly)

I am.

RUTH

(beat, then calmly)
No. No, you're not. You're my
mother. You're Sally Gilmartin.

SALLY

I am Eva Delectorskaya.

Ruth's face -- huge scepticism and an undertow of worry.

Sally looks back at her -- unflinching. Her head tilted in a certain way. DISSOLVE TO --

# 6 EXT PARIS STREET/ MARKET DAY

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It is 1939. A Paris street. A ROW OF MARKET STALLS have been set up. SHOPPERS bustle here and there.

AT THE END OF THE STREET -- a MARCH heading towards us. Tricouleurs, banners saying ACTION FRANCAISE. They are singing the "Marseillaise". A SNARE DRUM beating time. MEN marching in time to the rhythm. Some wearing medals, some tricouleur sashes.

CAMERA FINDS -- a very BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN -- late 20s. DARK HAIRED. Red lips, hair loosely tied back. She's reading a newspaper. Glancing through it. She lowers it, hearing the music. And then looks impatiently down the street both ways for someone -- her head tilted in a certain way.

But, despite the difference in colouring, something about her says immediately that this is the young Sally Gilmartin/Eva Delectorskaya. That way of tilting her head, the unflinching gaze, that makes this VERY obvious. She folds her newspaper, picks up the basket at her feet.

SOUND of the march getting closer as we FOLLOW Eva to a market stall.

CAPTION: PARIS, SUMMER 1939

FVA

Un beau choux, s'il vous plait.

She buys a cabbage, moves on. The first of the marchers are level with her now. The "Marseillaise" loud.

EVA buys two baguettes from another stall. The MARCHERS stride by her. She Looks around, curious. Then spots someone.

A GOOD LOOKING YOUNG MAN emerges from the crowd: dark, vital. It's her younger brother KOLIA. Mid-20s. He leans forward, kisses her on both cheeks.

KOLI A

Eva -- I'm sorry. What can I say?

**EVA** 

(si ghs)

Only forty minutes late. You're getting better, Kolia.

He hands her a brown paper bag.

KOLLA

Father's medicine. There was a queue. Enormous. Kilometres long.

**EVA** 

Of course there was.

Eva takes the bag, checks the contents.

KOLI A

-- I've got to run. See you tomorrow.

EVA

I thought we were meant to have Lunch --

More cheering. CAMERA ROVES, FINDS -- KOLIA sitting at the end of a row, discreetly noting things down in a small notebook.

A FOLDED note is being passed down the row towards him. Kolia looks round, takes it, surprised.

CLOSE -- NIKOLAI DELECTORSKI.

He opens it, reads. Frowns. He stands and leaves the hall going out a side door.

The SPEAKER still RANTING on.

## 8 EXT ALLEY WAY DAY

8

Kolia steps out. Closes the door behind him.

Looks up and down. Waits a moment. Nobody. Looks at his watch. OVER -- more CHEERS and APPLAUSE from the hall. Thunderous appl ause.

Kolia gives up, lights a cigarette and heads up the alley. He stops.

THREE MEN -- coats, hats -- appear at the end.

Kolia turns -- to see --

TWO MORE MEN coming up behind. They close in on him. Big MEN with slab-like, unsmiling faces. They hem him in.

# KOLI A

Hey... Qu'est ce que se passe --

A MAN plucks the cigarette from his mouth. Two others grab his arms. He's roughly searched. His notebook found.

#### KOLLA

Un moment, garcons... Je suis journaliste. J'ecris --

SMASH! He is punched in the face. Blood streaming from his nose. He gasps in pain and shock.

They let him go. He sinks to his knees. Spits blood. Groggy.

THUD! The first KICK lands in his stomach. Kolia goes flying.

# 8A EXT ALLEYWAY DAY

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CLOSE SHOT -- the paved floor of the alleyway.

INTO FRAME -- a slow trickle of blood sliding down the paving stones. CAMERA SLOWLY FOLLOWS the blood-flow to its source -- KOLIA'S BATTERED BODY.

His face kicked to a bloody pulp. DEAD... DISSOLVE TO --

### 9 EXT SALLY'S COTTAGE NIGHT

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Tucked away in its dark leafy corner. A LIGHT burns in the kitchen window.

#### 10 INT SALLY'S COTTAGE KITCHEN NIGHT

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JOCHEN wrapped in a blanket, asleep on a sofa. CAMERA MOVES -- to find -- SALLY and RUTH facing each other across the table. The manuscript is OPEN between them. Ruth is dressed. Sally is in her dressing gown. Ruth is in a state.

SALLY

-- But, really, darling, you really didn't need to drive all this way just to --

RUTH

--Stop right there! You -- "Eva" or whoever you are -- have just described a young man being horribly kicked to death by a bunch of fascist thugs...

(taps manuscript)
This Kolia -- you say -- is my uncle. Was my uncle...

SALLY

He was --

**RUTH** 

-- How do you think that makes me feel? Me! "Ruth Gilmartin", as was! Your daughter! Reading something like that -- how do I know what to believe?

**SALLY** 

Believe it. It's the truth...

So they look at each other -- fixedly. Unflinching. Sally's mood has changed. She's hard -- serious. This is no game.

RUIF

But why now -- after all this time?

Sally gets up, goes to a drawer and comes back with a CUTTING from a local newspaper. Spreads it in front of her.

CLOSE -- big portrait shot of Sally -- in black. Headline: "Memorial Sĕrvice for Sean Gilmartin".

RUTH

I don't get it. What's Dad's memorial service got to do with anythi ng?

SALLY

Somebody saw this photograph. I knew they would --

RUTH

-- It's the Cambridge News and Herald, Mum, for god's sake --

SALLY

-- They see <u>everything!</u> Because then I noticed -- the people in the wood, the new cars in the village. They'd found me. Or thought they had. So I had to do something. I need your help...

RUTH

I just don't believe --

SALLY

-- It's happening. It's true.

RUTH

So -- suddenly I'm half Russian.

SALLY

Yes. You are.

Ruth looks away -- in a kind of turmoil. Looks back.

RUTH

What was he like, my uncle Kolia?

SALLY

Completely delightful. Funny, clever. Always hopelessly late... You would have loved him...

CLOSE ON SALLY -- we see the tears form in her eyes. And then we CUT TO --

11 EXT PARISIAN CEMETERY DAY 11

EVA'S FACE -- veiled. But the veil can't hide her tear tracks.

A windy, RAINY, day. The wind snatches at the clothes and hats of A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE by an open grave. The coffin is already inside. The service is RUSSIAN ORTHODOX.

Eva stands beside a very sick OLD MAN. Pale faced, shivering, wrapped in blankets. Her father. FIVE OTHER MOURNERS MEN and WOMEN, shabbily dressed, heads bowed. A PRIEST holding a fuming censor, intoning some Russian Orthodox prayer.
Eva looks round. She can't believe her beloved brother is dead. She stiffens.
WHAT SHE SEES a MAN standing some distance away. Wearing a brown Trilby and a tweed coat.
He looks on for a moment, then turns and walks away.

12	SCENE CUT	12	
13	EXT. PARIS STREET / MARKET DAY  It is a week after Kolia's funeral. Eva buys some flowers from one of the stalls.	13	:
	She senses someone is watching her and notices the MAN in the trilby again some distance away. He turns and moves away.		;
14	EXT. PARIS GRAVEYARD DAY	14	
	Eva is moving through the graveyard carrying her flowers. She spots the MAN in a trilby once more, standing by a SMALL RUINED CHURCH. She goes over to him.		;

EVA Monsieur! S'il vous plait!
Pourquoi vous me suivez,
monsieur? Qu'est-ce que vous
voulez avec moi?

> MAN (Turns. His accent is an educated English)

MAN

-- Mademoiselle Delectorskaya...

You must forgive me. I can explain everything.

(smiles persuasively)
Please. If I could just have a moment of your time...

He gestures for her to enter the ruined church. Reluctantly, Eva does so. They step out of the rain.

14A INT. RUI NED CHURCH DAY 14A

**EVA** 

How did you know my brother?

He takes his hat off. He is in his late 30s/early 40s. Dark. He has a hawkish, intense, handsome face. His name is LUCAS ROMER. He holds out his hand.

ROMFR

My name's Lucas Romer. I was a friend of Kolia.

Eva, after a pause, shakes his hand.

EVA

I saw you the day he died.

**ROMER** 

Yes, I met him.

EVA

(bitterly)

You heard what happened to him. Robbed and killed --

ROMER

-- Actually, I think he was murdered. I think they took his wallet to make it look like a robbery.

EVA We had an English governess -- in the old days. I don't understand why you're following me -- He takes a business card out of his wallet, holds it out. Eva takes it, reads it. She hands it back.

ROMFR

Please keep it.

Eva slips it in her handbag.

"Lucas Romer. Managing director. A. A. S." What does that mean?

ROMER

"Actuarial and Accountancy Servi ces".

EVA

You're an accountant? --

**ROMER** 

-- Please. Miss Delectorskaya, listen to me. I just wanted to express my condolences. I wanted to choose the right moment to offer you my deepest sympathy.

Eva looks at him. This is all very strange.

FVA

Well... Thank you. Goodbye.

She gives a quick smile and leaves.

#### PARIS APARTMENT 15 INT DUSK

CLOSE on a door. Threadbare coats hanging on it. Key in the lock. And the door opens. It's EVA. Home from work. Tired. Two baquettes and a cauliflower in a basket.

**EVA** 

Papa?...

She puts the shopping bag down. Takes her coat off, hangs it on the door. And goes wearily into --

THE SITTING ROOM -- ROMER stands there, smiling at her. Eva is stunned.

EVA

What're you doing --

Her eyes swivel. To her FATHER standing pouring out two small glasses of Port. Everything in the room is shabby, poor. Furniture, the rug on the floor, the many bookcases filled with tatty books. There's a picture of Kolia. Black ribbon draped on the frame. Her father speaks English with a heavy accent.

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MR DELECTORSKI

Hello, my dear. Will you join us in a drink?

EVA

Papa. What's he --

**ROMFR** 

-- I've been having a most interesting conversation with your father --

MR DELEKTORSKI hands Romer his glass, then picks up and holds up a British passport. Beaming.

MR DELEKTORSKI

-- Mr Romer say I can be British citizen. We can both be British citizen, Eva...

(tears in his eyes)

Mr Romer is a friend for Kolia.

Eva is in a quiet fury. What's going on here? She looks darkly at Romer.

EVA

Mr Romer has no right to promise you these things. He's made a mistake --

She takes the passport from her father. Hands it to Romer.

FVA

Mr Romer was just leaving...

Romer gives a little bow. Turns to her father.

**ROMER** 

May I have a word with your daughter, Mr Delektorski?

MR DELECTORSKI

Of course. I go prepare our supper...

As he leaves the room he squeezes Eva's hand. Looks meaningfully at her. The door closes behind him. Romer looks intently at her.

This intrusion is completely --

ROMER

-- I wanted to tell your father a little about Kolia...

NANNIES push babies to and fro in prams. Eva and Romer are talking with a degree of fervour.

EVA

-- But I don't understand. Why would Kolia join the British Secret Services? It's not like him --

**ROMER** 

-- Because there's a war coming. Yes. A war with Germany. This year, next year. Just a matter of time. But for some of us it's already started and Kolia was fighting in that war. Think of him as a soldier. Don't let him have died in vain --

EVA

-- This has <u>nothing</u> to do with me. How can I believe you? You could tell me anything --

**ROMER** 

-- Why would I go to all this trouble just to lie to you? --

EVA

-- My brother's dead, that's all I know. All I care about --

Romer stops walking. Eva stops. Romer has taken a passport out of his pocket. Hands it to her.

**ROMER** 

Ruth comes in through a door. A bottle of wine and a glass in her hands.

Ruth pours herself a glass of wine. Sits down. Picks up her mother's manuscript. Puts it down.

The phone RINGS. Ruth picks it up. It's Sally.

We INTERCUT with Sally. In a lit PHONE BOX. Darkness all around.

RUTH

Hello, Mum.

SALLY

How are you getting on? Where ve you got to?

RUTH

I've stopped. I don't think I can take much more --

**SALLY** 

-- Keep going... You'll see exactly why I need you --

There's a wash of HEADLIGHTS that illuminates the box. Sally's head snaps round. She hangs up. Darts out of the box into the night.

**RUTH** 

(still speaking)
-- What've you <u>done?</u> Why do you need <u>me</u>?... Hello? Hello?...

She hangs up, exasperated. Takes her seat again. Picks up the tyan. TH

SOLDIER (Scottish accent) Yes, Miss. EVA (cont'd)

About what Mr Romer said, you know.

(changes subject)
What's going on here? A house party? --

LAI RD

No, no. What were you expecting?

EVA

I don't know... A barracks... A camp... A parade ground...

LAI RD

We have entirely different methods of training. We want you to be efficient -- and enjoy yourself.

He gestures and they walk towards the house.

**FVA** 

Oh... What kind of training?

LAI RD

It's not what you expect. It's very precise. Very particular. We concentrate on very specific things. Now we're at war.

EVA

Yes, of course. Mr Romer said there would be a war...

They've reached the front door.

LAI RD

May I show you to your room.

They go inside.

21 INT LYNE MANOR DAY

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CLOSE -- a large tray. On it several dozen random objects. A golf ball, a hair brush, a bank note, a wooden toy, etc.

PULL BACK -- Eva is studying it with intense concentration.

A MALE INSTRUCTOR -- in uniform. Flips a sheet over it.

**I NSTRUCTOR** 

You have one minute.

Eva begins to write down everything she can remember very quickly on a pad.

# 22 INT LYNE MANOR, EVA'S ROOM NIGHT

Eva in her nightdress, brushing her hair.

A small Spartan room, an iron bed, lino, jug and ewer on a stand. Listening to the radio. War news:

RADIO ANNOUNCER

(clipped BBC accent)
-- Nazi Germany and the Soviet
Union have agreed to a partition
of Poland following their
respective invasions of the
country... The city of Warsaw has
surrendered to German forces as
of yesterday evening... The
British prime minister, the right
honourable Neville Chamberlain --

CLICK. Eva switches it off. Too depressing

# 23 INT LYNE MANOR DAY

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Eva sitting in a room with a MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN. bespectacled, school-marmy.

WOMAN

Just the very slightest emphasis. It can convey so much. Let's try it again.

(pause)
"You can't possibly be serious."

**FVA** 

You can't possibly be serious...

WOMAN

Almost. Just a squidgeon more. Once again. "You can't possibly be serious."

EVA

You can't possibly be serious.

Eva's accent is becoming very English.

# 24 INT LYNE MANOR SCREENING ROOM NIGHT

24

A row of chairs set before a screen. A slide projector shows an image of a street (black and white). The street is clearly in the USA.

Eva is staring at the image with intense concentration.

**EVA** 

Ready.

The image changes. It looks identical.

Eva's face as she studies it.

EVA

There were no dustbins -- sorry, "trashcans" -- outside number 10... The car in front of number seven had white-wall tyres... The truck was facing the other way... There were five steps up to the diner not four...

# 25 EXT LYNE MANOR, WALLED GARDEN DAY

25

In the walled garden. Two YOUNG MEN and a YOUNG WOMAN in casual clothes are firing revolvers at targets set against a wall of sandbags. BANG! BANG!

CAMERA MOVES AWAY -- across the lawn to FIND --

Eva -- sitting with OTHER YOUNG MEN and WOMEN some way off in a deckchair watching them.

Eva is reading the NEW YORK TIMES. OVER -- More gunshots. The flat dry noise of repercussion.

Eva turns. A YOUNG MAN in an open neck shirt sits a little way off reading a newspaper. LE FIGARO.

EVA

Edward?... Have you had your weapons training?

**EDWARD** 

(polite smile)

Eva... You really shouldn't be asking me that, you know.

EVA

Of course. Sorry.

She puts down her paper, stands and walks over to a STAFF SERGEANT with a clipboard.

**EVA** 

Sergeant?

SERGEANT

Yes, Miss Dalton.

EVA

When am I due to have my firearms training?

**SERGEANT** 

Let me see...
(checks clipboard)
Ah. You're not to receive any
firearms training, Miss Dalton.
(smiles)
Funny that...

**EVA** 

Are you sure? Everyone else seems to be trained how to use a gun.

SERGEANT

That's what's down here, Miss. Mr Romer says it's not necessary.

EVA (this is odd) Oh... Right...

26 INT LYNE MANOR CLASS ROOM DAY

26

CLOSE -- Eva, FACING CAMERA -- in the background, Laird, ticking names off a clipboard. Eva making a real effort of memory.

FVA

--Millard Filmore... Franklin Pierce... James Buchanan... Abraham Lincoln... Andrew Johnson... Ulysses Grant... Rutherford Hayes...

27 EXT SCOTTI SH GLEN DAY

27

An ARMY LORRY grinding up a hill. Very remote. Wild. It stops. A SOLDIER gets out and goes round to the rear. Flips open the canvas flaps at the back. TO REVEAL --

INSIDE -- Eva sits there. BLINDFOLDED.

SOLDI ER

Miss Dalton.

EVA feels her way to the edge of the lorry. The soldier helps her down. He positions her at the side of the road.

SOLDI ER

Count to a hundred, Miss. You're the last.

He jumps back in the lorry. Drives away out of sight.

EVA's face -- counting silently. She takes off her blindfold. She's completely alone. Looks around her at the empty glen, uncomprehendingly.

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In a dark wood. Eva kneels in front of a small scratch fire. It's smoking, no flames. She leans forward, blows on it. Nothing. Just more smoke. She's wearing dungarees and a beret. Her rucksack nearby. She stands. Exasperated. Stamps it out.

TIME CUT -- Eva lying on the ground, huddled under a groundsheet. Feeling miserable. Tears in her eyes.

A MAN WITH A GREEN JACKET -- across the street, looking intently into a shop window. He wanders off, not looking round.

Eva steps out. Looks around. All clear. She takes off her

ROMER

You expect a crow to be following you at a safe distance. But sometimes crows are on your heels... Worth bearing in mind... Still -- brava!

He smiles, raises his glass to her. She raises hers back.

We can sense he's looking at her differently. And Eva's aware of this too. She knows she looks good. Her hair down. They look at each other. The masks slip for a second. Their eyes meet. A little message flashed. Eva deliberately changes the subject. Breaks the mood.

FVA

I meant to ask... Why didn't I have any weapons training?

**ROMER** 

You won't need weapons in your line of work.

EVA

Oh, no? What if I'm in mortal danger?

**ROMER** 

Most unlikely. But if you find yourself in "mortal danger" then use your intuition. Use your animal instincts. You always have your nails and your teeth.

Romer reaches into his pocket and takes out two more passports. Hands them to her.

**ROMER** 

Two more identities.

**EVA** 

What for?

She looks at them. Opens them. She reads the names.

CLOSE -- Eva's photographs. New names.

EVA

"Margery Allerdice" and "Lily Fitzroy". What are these for? I was getting quite used to being "Eve Dalton". ROMER

Everyone who works for me is given three identities --

EVA

-- In the "Actuarial and Accounting Services, limited".

**ROMER** 

Exactly. Think of it as a perk, a bonus. You might need them one day. They might be very handy. One other thing: at some stage I want you to find a safe house for yourself. In London. Or another big city. Don't tell anyone about them. Not even me.

EVA

I'll "bear it in mind".

ROMER

It's something I encourage all my operatives to do. One of my tips.

EVA

Ah. "Romer's Rules". Are there many of them?

ROMER

Lots. But I'll tell you the most important. Rule Number One...

He leans forward. It's clear he's very attracted to her. Eva listens. Smiling. Romer is wooing her, in his way.

**ROMER** 

Don't trust anyone. Ever. Maybe it's the only rule you need... Especially not me --

EVA

-- Oh, I'd never trust you --

ROMER

-- You're a quick learner, Miss Dalton -- (pause) Ever been to Belgium?

EVA

Yes. I went to Brussels once. For a weekend. Why?

**ROMER** 

That's where you're going to be working. Training's over, you see. Theory becomes practise. Stakes are raised, massively. All change: it's tseddsd, mml /FTJ re going to be

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A dark room -- book-lined. CAMERA MOVING IN ON Ruth sitting at a desk in a pool of light reading her mother's

ANOTHER STREET -- Up ahead Sally is making for a SPORTING GOODS shop. Fishing rods, waterproof clothing, shotguns. She goes in.

Ruth pauses -- then approaches slowly, very curious. Peers in the window. CUT TO --

CLOSE SHOT -- a new 12-bore single-barrelled pump-action shot gun being disassembled. Broken in two. Barrel. Stock. And fitted into the velvet moulds in a shotgun case. A box of cartridges is added. We are --

#### 42 INT SPORTING GOODS SHOP. CAMBRIDGE

42

The SHOP ASSISTANT --a YOUNG MAN in a tweed jacket. Picks up a document and a passport. Sally stands opposite across the counter. She opens a box of cartridges and takes one out. She knows exactly what she wants.

**ASSI STANT** 

-- Yes, it arrived on Monday. The Franchi PA7. Five-cartridge magazine. They do make nice looking guns, the Italians --

**SALLY** 

-- I want 4 BB. Lead shot, not steel...

**ASSI STANT** 

Oh. Yes, fine...

(checking documentation)
Special license, yes... I.D...
This is your primary address is it, Mrs Gilmartin? Rose Cottage, Middle Ashton?

SALLY

Yes.

**ASSI STANT** 

(handing her a new box)
This will fell a bull elephant.

SALLY

My cottage backs on to this wood, you see. Foxes keep coming for my hens.

**ASSI STANT** 

Ah, foxes. Right... Sign here --

She signs. He goes to the till and rings it up.

**ASSI STANT** 

That'll be 275 pounds and fifty pence.

Sally gets out her cheque book. Begins to write in it.

Behind her, Ruth steps quietly into the shop. Sees the shotgun on the counter. Shocked. She goes up to Sally -- who signs her cheque.

RUTH

Ruth sits at a table at the rear of an ancient pub. Sally chooses a seat with care. Moves it so she can see the door. The pub is dark. Low ceilinged, beams, flagstones. It's quiet -- only a few other CUSTOMERS. They put their drinks down. Ruth is very tense. Pent up.

SALLY Feeling calmer, now?

RUTH

Sally's eyes narrow: irritated. She tilts her head, characteristically. Then she leans forward and speaks rapidly in a low angry voice, jabbing her finger at Ruth.

#### SALLY

Ya chustvuyu razocharovanie v mo yei docheri, ona umuyi molodoi zhenshchi ny, ochen' umnyi yesli ona provela tol'ko nebol' shaya chast' yee znati chel' noe mozgdumat' chto ya skazal yei, chto ona poi net, chto ya ni kogda ne budet i grat' takoi zloi tryuk na nyee. Ya ochen' razocharovan.

RUTH

(rocked, stunned)
My god... What does all that
mean? --

SALLY

-- I was saying that I'm very disappointed in my daughter -- who is a very intelligent and stubborn young woman but who, if she'd engaged just a little of her considerable brain power would have realised in thirty seconds that my story had to be true. I'm very disappointed.

Sally reaches into her handbag and draws out another large envelope. She places it on the table in front of Ruth. Pushes it towards her. Ruth is still in shock.

**RUTH** 

So, did you go to Belgium?

SALLY

Read it. You'll see.

Ruth opens the envelope. Draws out the typescript. Sally reaches over, takes Ruth's hand. Her voice softens.

SALLY

Don't look so perplexed, my love. We all have secrets. Everyone. No one knows even <u>half</u> the truth about anybody else. However close you may be. I'm sure you've got secrets from me...

(smiles)

You went off to Germany for two years and lived in a commune and

SALLY (cont'd)

Then, suddenly it's: By the way, I met a man called Karl-Heinz in Berlin, who just happens to be my professor, we had an affair and now you've got a grandson called Jochen...

Ruth's face. She shrugs. She has to concede this.

RUTH

Yes, but, I was in a different situation, I --

SALLY

-- That's all I'm doing. I'm telling you my secrets. That's all...

They look at each other.

RUTH

Did Dad know anything?

**SALLY** 

No... No he didn't.

RUTH

Did he suspect?

SALLY

Not for a second.

RUTH

You didn't tell him <u>anything</u> before he died?

**SALLY** 

No. There was no point. We were very happy together. That was all that mattered...

(stands)

Let's pick up Jochen from school. Be a nice surprise.

#### 44 INT APARTMENT. OSTEND DAY

44

A neat but functional living room. Eva stands by a mirror at the front door tying her scarf.

She takes a square of blue card the size of a postage stamp from her pocket and opens the door. As she closes the door behind her she places the card in the jamb. Security -- to let her know if any one's been in the flat while she was out. Click -- the door closes.

CLOSE -- the edge of the card wedged in the door-jamb.

#### 45 EXT SEAFRONT STREET IN OSTEND BELGIUM DAY

Eva in a coat and scarf, hurries along the SEAFRONT. Gulls crying. It's cold. Autumn leaves blow in the gutters.

CAPTION: OSTEND, BELGIUM, DECEMBER 1939

She turns into an apartment building. There's a sign on the wall: AGENCE D'INFORMATION NADAL

#### 46 INT NADAL BUILDING DAY

46

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Eva shows her ID to a porter. And gets into a lift. Slides the grille shut. CLANG. The lift begins to rise.

#### 47 INT NADAL BUILDING, CORRIDOR DAY

47

Eva walking along a corridor. Coming towards her a semi-crippled MAN (40s) with two walking sticks and an orthopaedic boot with a caliper. He walks with difficulty, a rolling gait, his sticks splayed. His name is ANGUS WOOLF. He has a noticeable but polite Scottish accent.

ANGUS WOOLF Morning, Eve. Make way, make way, cripple approaching.

Eva presses herself against the wall. Unperturbed.

EVA

Morning, Angus. Is Romer in?

ANGUS WOOLF His Imperial Majesty has gone to London, so I'm informed.

They pass and Eva moves on. Opens a door and goes through.

### 48 INT NADAL BUILDING, EVA'S OFFICE DAY

48

A large room. Two desks facing each other. Filing cabinets. A big map of Europe on the wall. There are newspapers and magazines stacked everywhere. Tall, teetering piles. On the floor, in corners. On top of the filing cabinets. Piled in cardboard boxes.

On a pinboard various articles are cut out. All the languages of Europe.

An ATTRACTIVE WOMAN (late 30s -- about ten years older than Eva) is sticking an article in Swedish onto the pin-board.

She is SYLVIA RHYS-MYERS. She's a German woman who was married to an Englishman. She looks round as Eva comes in. She has a clear and penetrating gaze.

Her manner is dry and feisty but it seems to disguise a deeper melancholy. She has a very slight German accent. Holds up article.

SYLVI A

Morgen, liebchen. Svenska Posten. They picked up your drowned sailors' story.

Eva hangs her coat on a coatstand, then takes the article. Looks at it amazed.

EVA

Oh, good! My god, that's fast.

CLOSE -- Isländsk fiskebåt gick på en mina utanför Narvik. 40 omkomna. [Fishing boat hits mine off Narvik. 40 dead.]

SYLVI A

The Swedish nation stirs... Gold star for Eve.

EVA

(marvelling)

I can never get used to it. That went out as... as item number ten on a news bulletin on a local French radio station -- what? Three days ago? -- and then this -

Holds up paper. She goes and pins it on the board with all the other news stories. Sylvia studies the paper in her typewriter. Types a couple of keys. A full stop.

SYLVI A

It's what we trade in, isn't it?
-- lovely stories, <u>so</u> compelling,
white and black, or any colour
you choose. Dream it up. Dress it
up. Send it out into the big wide
world to stand on its own two
feet...

She spreads her hands as if to say "easy".

**EVA** 

Busy night?...

SYLVI A

Very exciting, actually. everything buzzing away.

She goes to the coat stand and removes her own coat.

Eva sits down at her desk and clears a space. Piles of Russian and French newspapers and magazines. Sylvia hands a piece of paper from her desk to Eva.

SYLVI A

Oh, you might drop that in to Alfie. News just broken.
(MORE)

SYLVIA (cont'd)
Three new bridges to be built across the River Yser.

EVA

Now that <u>is</u> smart. That's where you're one jump ahead of me. <u>Are</u> they planned? --

SYLVI A

-- Maybe -- who knows? ... But three lovely new bridges -- why not? You know, make the Wermacht staff officers start altering their maps...

She shrugs. Thinking about the consequences, the scenario. Face suddenly serious. Then she smiles.

EVA

(wags finger, mockingly)
-- You're very devious, Sylvia --

SYLVI A

-- Yes, all right, I confess -- I'm a very devious woman, I must say -- keep your distance unless you're a Wermacht staff officer.

A THICKSET MAN (30s) sits at the transmitter tapping out messages. His name is ALFIE BLYTHESWOOD. Avuncular, very friendly. A nice man.

Standing beside him leafing through papers is a donnish-looking YOUNG MAN (30s) in spectacles and wearing a bowtie. His name is MORRIS DEVEREUX. Morris hands Alfie a sheet of paper.

**MORRIS** 

Just Spain and Portugal for that one, Alfie. Let's see what our Spanish news agencies make of this lot...

Blytheswood takes it. Reads quickly.

**BLYTHESWOOD** 

(Cockney accent)
They do like our war news, the
Spaniards. I think Sylvia's got
something for me as well --

Knock on door. Eva comes in.

**BLYTHESWOOD** 

Morning, sweetheart. Looking lovely today. You got Sylvia's press release?

Eva hands him the page.

EVA

Here we are.

MORRI S

Morning, Eve.

EVA

Angus tells me Romer's in London.

MORRI S

I think he was summoned away.

Eva turns to leave. Morris goes with her.

MORRI S

Fancy a spot of lunch?

#### 50 INT RESTAURANT DAY

50

Eva sits opposite Morris in a small dark bistro. White table cloths. A few other DINERS. Morris pours out the last of a bottle of wine. They have coffees in front of them. Lunch is over.

MORRI S

-- No. You <u>are</u> doing well. Romer will be very pleased.

EVA

(casually)

What's Romer doing in London?

MORRI S

Ours not to reason why... probably talking to Mr X.

**EVA** 

"Mr X"?

MORRI S

Mr X is our esteemed boss's boss. A kind of Cardinal Richelieu figure who allows Lucas Romer to do more or less as he pleases.

Eva takes out a cigarette. Morris lights it for her.

**EVA** 

How I ong have you known Romer?

Morris looks a little sharply at her: this is not the sort of question they should be asking.

MORRI S

Well... A good few years, now --

FVΔ

-- Always in AAS?

Morris holds up a warning finger.

**EVA** 

Sorry. Curiosity killed the cat.

She sips her wine. Morris looks at her intently.

MORRI S

Were you ever an actress?

**EVA** 

No. Why?

MORRI S

Eva comes up the stairs with a shopping bag. Wine bottles clink inside. Stops outside. At the foot of the door her small blue square of card has fallen. She stoops and picks it up. She puts her key in the lock and carefully opens the door. But it swings open. Sylvia stands there -- eyes full of warning. Her voice is light.

SYLVI A

Ah, there you are, naughty girl -- we were wondering what had happened to you...

She points her thumb at her chest, mouths: "Romer"

ROMER STEPS INTO VIEW. Scowling.

Eva jumps. Surprised.

FVA

My god... Bit of a shock.

Sylvia goes and stands behind him in the sitting room -- signalling that she knows nothing. Hasn't a clue.

**ROMER** 

You're late.

SYLVI A

(breezily)

Did you bring something to drink? I'm gasping...

Romer steps aside and Eva goes in.

52 INT EVA'S APARTMENT. SITTING ROOM NIGHT

52

Eva dumps her shopping bag on a table. Sylvia picks it up.

SYLVI A

Ah -- wine, wine, wine. Perfect. I'll just go and open it.

EVA

(mock salutes)

Yes, sir.

**ROMER** 

Pack an overnight bag. You and I are going on a trip.

EVA

Oh, are we going to London?

**ROMER** 

Sorry. A little town in Holland, actual I y.

Eva tries to disguise how extremely pleased she is.

EVA

Oh Holland. Little town -right...

Sylvia comes in with the wine. Gives her a wink.

CUT TO --

53 INT CAR DAWN 53

DAWN LIGHT. A STRAIGHT ROAD seen through windscreen wipers. Their rhythmic swish.

Romer is driving. Eva sits beside him. Asleep. Her head nods. It slides over until it's resting on Romer's shoulder. Romer isn't complaining. He glances down at her.

Eva's face. Beautiful, still. She frowns, mutters something -- she's dreaming.

Romer's gaze on Eva. We can sense he's captivated. Having her so close. Unaware.

She wakes up. Eyes open suddenly. Realises her head is on Romer's shoulder. Sits up abruptly. A bit embarrassed.

EVA

Sorry. Nodded off...

ROMER

Sweet dreams?

FVA

No, not really. Actually, I was dreaming about Kolia...

Romer says nothing more.

Eva reaches for her handbag. Takes out her compact. Checks herself in the mirror. Touches her hair. Buying some time. Glances at Romer. His eyes are on the road.

FVA

Do you want me to take over?

ROMFR

We're nearly there.

They drive on. The car is driving on the right hand side of the road. A LORRY comes in the other direction.

A road sign approaches. It flashes past.

PRENSLO 15 Kms. UITVEEREGHT 35 Kms. We are in Holland, clearly. She turns, reading the sign.

**EVA** 

Prensl o. . .

**ROMER** 

That's where we're going.

EVA

What's so important about Prensl o?

ROMER

It's on the border with Germany.

54

Romer and Eva stand outside their car, parked in the empty hotel carpark. The hotel is closed. Eva looks around, edgily. A sign above the door says HOTEL WILLEMS.

ROMER

ROMER

-- Threats of resignation. Postings to provincial commands, and all that --

FVΔ

-- Bit of a flyer, wasn't it?

**ROMER** 

-- Exactly. But I'm convinced this meeting is a direct result of our stories from the Agency...

EVA

Score one for the AAS.

**ROMER** 

(mildly bitter) Du'd think so B

You'd think so... But we're not going to get the credit. Our Head of Station in Holland -- a very pompous fellow called Fowler -- has decided to meet this general. Coming to Prenslo himself to "bring him in". He's going to claim it's all his doing. I feel it in my bones. I know these people. Dead wood. I just want to get the true story.

EVA

Ah-ha. Let him know we're on the case also.

(glances at him) All very exciting.

ROMER

On the contrary. Just routine. And we're not participating. We're just going to watch

Eva says nothing more. One of Romer's tortuous schemes.

SOUND of the hotel's front door opening. A sleepy PORTER Looks out. Romer and Eva head for the entrance.

CUT TO --

55 INT ROMER'S ROOM, HOTEL WILLEMS DAY

55

THROUGH BINOCULARS -- A ROAD. Tree-lined. A few houses. A cafe with a car park -- the CAFE BACKUS. The name is on a sign above the front door.

Two wooden guard houses on either side of the frontier (Dutch and German flags flying, respectively. A Swastika).

And a black and white striped barrier across the road. Romer stands at the window looking out through binoculars. A small room, plain furniture, a double bed. KNOCK on the door.

**ROMER** 

Come in.

Eva comes in. Romer lowers binoculars, turns. They stand there. The bed between them.

Eva finds the situation strange, charged. Romer smiles. He holds out the binoculars.

ROMER Have a Look. How's your room?

#### **ROMER**

But I want you to make yourself known to the Dutch agent <u>before</u> the German comes over. But don't let Fowler and his man see you. You know the passwords?

#### EVA

Yes, yes. "Have you fire? French Cigarettes. The Hague."

#### **ROMER**

Just stay alert. I need to know everything that happens. Every little thing. No matter how insignificant. How tiny.

#### EVA

(dryly)
It was what I was trained for.

#### ROMER

Let's see if it worked...

## 57 INT CAFE BACKUS. LADIES' TOILET DAY

Eva locks the door behind her.

There's a small single-paned frosted-glass window set high in the outside wall. She lowers the lid of the toilet and stands on it. The window is cobwebbed and dusty. Hasn't been opened for ages. Eva works the catch and bangs the frame with her hand. It opens with a shower of dust. Eva peers out.

THROUGH THE WINDOW -- Dustbins. Parked bicyles. A small van. Empty crates for bottles. Distant CLATTER of plates and utensils from the kitchens. Behind the cafe building there's a fence, a small meadow beyond and then a wood.

Eva Looks around. No sign of anyone. She has a way out.

She pulls the window to -- not quite shutting it. Steps back off the toilet. Flushes it. Leaves.

57

She holds out the cigarette. The Dutchman stands, takes out a lighter and lights it for her. Eva exhales.

EVA

Thank you... Do you know where I can buy any French cigarettes?

**DUTCH AGENT** 

You could try Amsterdam.

FVA

Of course... (smiles)

Thank you so much.

She goes back to the table. He smile gone. Her face set. We know instantly something is wrong.

The two English agents come back in and take their seats.

EVERYTHING MOVES FAST NOW --

Eva throws some notes on the table to cover the bill for lunch. Picks up her novel and puts it in her handbag.

And walks back down the corridor to the toilets.

59 INT CAFE BACKUS, LADIES TOILET DAY

59

Eva is standing on the toilet. She opens the window, throws her handbag out, and begins to climb out.

CLOSE -- the strap of her shoe catches on the window handle. Eva kicks it off. Slithers out.

60 EXT REAR OF CAFE BACKUS DAY

60

Eva drops to the ground from the toilet window. Kicks off her other shoe. Picks up her bag, slings it over her shoulder. No one has seen her. AT THE FRONTIER POST -- The black and white barrier has been raised and two large CARS roar through and skid to a halt in front of the Cafe Backus. Scatter of gravel, dust billows.

FOUR HEAVY-SET MEN in dark suits leap out and run inside.

The DRIVERS stay at the wheel, engines running.

Eva Looks on -- in shock.

BLAM! BLAM! Shots are fired inside the cafe.

Eva flinches. She looks round again to see the two BRITISH AGENTS, cuffed, hands behind their backs. They are frogmarched out of the cafe and shoved into the back seat of the cars.

SUDDENLY -- Eva IS SPOTTED. One of the suited MEN sees her -- shouts.

EVA turns and runs. She runs across the fields towards the woods. As fast as she can go. Shouts behind her. She glances round.

SHATTER OF GLASS and the DUTCHMAN throws himself out of a rear window. And begins to run across the meadow towards the woods -- also making his escape.

Eva and the Dutchman FLEEING. Straining, Gasping. Running for their lives. Eva 20 yards ahead.

TWO of the SUITED MEN run out after him and level automatic pistols at them -- Lugers.

They fire. BLAM! BLAM! A fusillade of shots.

EVA reaches the woods first. BULLETS THUNK into the tree behind her. She throws herself down. Looks back.

The Dutchman running desperately. BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!

The DUTCHMAN goes down. Hit in the leg. He scrambles to his feet. SPURT of blood as he's hit in the shoulder. Then in the back.

EVA presses herself against the earth -- aghast, shocked.

One of the gunmen sees her. Their eyes meet. He raises his Luger slowly.

SUDDENLY -- URGENT SHOUTS FROM THE CAFE BACKUS.

The cars are ready, engines running, revving.

The MEN run back, get in and the cars roar back over the

Silence. She knocks again.

EVA

Lucas?... Romer?...

She turns the handle. The door opens. She steps in.

64 INT ROMER'S ROOM HOTEL WILLEMS DAY

64

Eva closes the door behind her.

The room is empty. The coverlet of the bed smooth and uncreased. His grip has gone. Eva controls herself. She picks up the phone and dials reception.

EVA

Hello?... Yes, I was looking for Mr Romer... He checked in this morning...

She listens. Face set.

**FVA** 

He's gone? I see... When was that. Half an hour ago.. Thank you... No, no, that's all...

She hangs up. She stands by the bed. Head bowed for a moment. She picks up a carafe of water by the bed and hurls it against the wall. SMASH!

Romer has gone. He's left her on her own.

She sits down. Tears of rage in her eyes. Tries to compose herself. Tries to keep her voice steady as she picks up the phone again.

EVA

I'd like to be connected to a telephone number in Belgium, please... Ostend... four, seven, two, one...

(pause)

Hello? Agence Nadal? I have a story about a windmill... Yes, I'll wait...

(pause)

"The windmill is black".

MORRIS (V. O.) Eve? Are you all right?

EVA

Yes, I'm fine.

MORRIS (V. O.)

We thought you might have been taken. Or even --

EVA

-- No, no. I'm fine. Number one has gone.

MORRIS (V. O.)

We've heard nothing from number one. He reported the incident. Then nothing.

**EVA** 

There's no trace. I'm here alone in the hotel.

MORRIS (V. O.)

That's normal procedure. He would have aborted immediately.

**FVA** 

Yes... Of course...

MORRIS (V. O.)

Make your way back here. As soon as you can. Take a bus.

**EVA** 

Yes. All right.

She hangs up. Sits there, expressionless.

FADE TO BLACK -- FADE UP

65 EXT MIDDLE ASHTON DAY

65

Ruth's car pulls up outside the cottage. Ruth gets out.

She looks back the way she came. Nothing. She stands for a while. Her gaze flicking here and there.

A FARMER on his TRACTOR goes by. Then a WOMAN on a HORSE clops by in the other direction. All perfectly normal.

66 INT SALLY'S COTTAGE, KITCHEN NIGHT

66

Ruth and Sally sit opposite each other at the kitchen table.

Lying on the table is the new Franchi PA 7 shotgun -- assembled -- and a box of cartridges.

Sally picks up the shotgun, begins to feed cartridges into the chamber. She does this with surprising competence. Feeds in five. KER-CHAK -- cocks the pump action. Flicks on the safety. Sets it down on the table between them

RUTH

Do you mind?

She stands, picks up the gun gingerly and crosses the room.

PAUSES. The shotgun in her hands. Its weight. Its lethal potential. She props it carefully in a corner of the room.

RUTH

This is madness, you know.

SALLY

I feel safer, now. Makes all the difference. It helps me sleep.

Ruth takes her seat again as Sally fetches two glasses and a bottle of wine from the fridge. Puts them on the table, pours wine. As Sally does all this she talks. Her tone is flat, professional.

SALLY

When you call me in future I want you to ring three times then hang up, and then call me back... That way I'll know it's you. And when we speak to each other we must be careful what we say --

RUTH

-- You're saying the phone is tapped? --

SALLY

-- It's entirely possible. And when you come here in future, take a little diversion on the way each time, see if any car is following you --

**RUTH** 

-- What's this all about, Mum? The war's been over for thirty years, for god's sake. Why're you carrying on with all this cloak and dagger stuff? What's the real story here?...

Silence. Sally looks at her. Fixedly. She's not joking. This isn't a game.

**SALLY** 

Somebody is going to try and kill me... Very soon...

Ruth takes this in. It's clear her mother is deadly serious.

RUTH

Oh, come <u>on</u>. This is ridiculous...

(looks at her)

OK... OK... So let's, you know, assume this is going to happen. What are we going to do, Sal?

SALLY

I need  $\underline{you}$  -- I need you to do something for me.

RUTH

What?...

SALLY

You see, there's only one person who can help me, now, after all this time. Only one --

RUTH

-- Who's that?

**SALLY** 

Lucas Romer...

Beat. The two women look at each other.

RUTH

Lucas Romer?... Is he alive? He must be quite an elderly --

SALLY

-- He's alive -- I'm sure. I think he was ennobled -- years

SYLVI A

Morning, darling. Another lovely grimy London day.

**EVA** 

You all right?

SYLVI A

No. Are you?

**EVA** 

No ... I sort of miss Ostend... It seemed more... more "alive" --

**SYLVI A** 

-- For a horrible moment I thought you were going to say "fun" --

EVA

-- It was sort of fun, in a way. Though I don't suppose we'd have Laughed our way through the Blitzkrieg...

SYLVI A

(thi nki ng)

Not so easy for me, anyway. I love my country... Just detest the people running it...

(breaks the mood)

No -- just as well we left when we did. So I mustn't complain about dirty old London. At least we have our tea and or sandwiches (snaps fingers)

I forgot. His Tordship wants you upstairs.

EVA

Me? What for?

SYLVI A

Haven't a clue. You've been summoned.

(puts on deep voice) "Bring her to me. Now!"

Eva stands. Unreflectingly she checks her look in a mirror hanging on the wall.

SYLVI A

You look absolutely simply ravishingly divine. I'll have a nice calming cup of tea waiting for you afterwards. Jam sandwich?

Eva sticks her tongue out at Sylvia. They laugh.

SYLVI A Go to him, wench.

#### 70 INT STAIRWAY AAS LTD DAY

70

Eva going up. Morris is coming down.

EVA Everything all right?

MORRI S Well, he's not in the sunniest of moods. Something's up but he wasn't saying.

Eva frowns -- goes on upstairs. Like going to see the headmaster. Knocks on a door at the top and goes in.

71

#### 71 INT ROMER'S OFFICE DAY

Eva sitting in a chair. Romer standing, his back to her looking out of the window -- grilling her.

**ROMER** 

What exactly did you say to him?

**EVA** 

I said, "Do you know where I can buy some French cigarettes?"

**ROMER** 

Exactly those words?

**EVA** 

I think so.

**ROMER** 

(turning, stern)
"Thinking" is not enough, Eva.
You have do be absolutely
precise.

EVA

Sorry. That's what I said.

ROMER

Then what did he say?

EVA

He said: "You could try Amsterdam." He should have said "The Hague". Why are we going over all this again? I put it all in my report. How many times do I have to --

ROMER

-- "C" wants to talk to you about Prenslo.

FVA

"C"? My god. Why me? --

**ROMER** 

-- It's your evidence that's vital... It's very important that you get it right, Eva. The future of AAS may be on the line. Everything we've created, here, everything we've been trying to do with our elegant and misleading stories...

EVA

When does he want to see me?

# ROMER

LAI RD

You're certain you had it correctly.

EVA

Yes.

LAI RD

Thank you very much, Miss Dalton. You may go. Please wait outside.

Eva stands. Smiles nervously and leaves.

#### 74 INT STRAND BANK HOTEL ANTE ROOM DAY

74

Eva sits -- alone -- waiting for Romer. We TIME CUT.

Eva smokes a cigarette -- Eva is brought a cup of tea by the NAVAL RATING -- Eva walks to and fro across the narrow room -- The door opens from the hotel suite. It's Romer.

He smiles hugely at her. Closes the door quietly behind him. Eva's relief is palpable. She almost looks like she'll step forward and embrace him. They talk in near-whispers.

**ROMER** 

Well done! Excellent!

EVA

What did I do?

**ROMER** 

Take the rest of the day off. You deserve it.

EVA

Right. Thanks --

ROMER

No, I know. Let's have supper this evening. Soho. Frith Street. There's an Italian restaurant called Luigi's. I'll see you there at eight.

FVΔ

I'm afraid I'm busy this evening -

ROMER

-- Nonsense. We're celebrating. See you at eight. (inclines head) I'd better get back. Eva stands with her LANDLADY -- MRS DANGERFIELD -- a plump woman in a pinafore. She's sorting through a pile of post.

MRS DANGERFIELD

WE SEE -- two passports [that Romer gave her in Edinburgh] a stash of five pound notes rolled up with a rubber band. A small revolver.

This is her "safe-house". Eva takes her wallet from her handbag, extracts three more fivers and adds them to her roll. Folds up the oil cloth puts it back in the hole, replaces floorboard and flips the rug back.

She goes to her wardrobe. Opens it. It's full of clothes. She selects a smart black evening dress. Lays it on the bed. She sits down at the dressing table and begins to reapply her make-up.

CUT TO --

78 INT LUIGI'S, FRITH STREET, SOHO NIGHT

EVA

Well, I'm glad I was of some use.

Romer sits back in his chair, nursing his wine glass, scrutinising her.

**ROMER** 

You look very beautiful tonight, Eva... Has anyone ever told you that before?

EVA

(dryl y)

Yes. Now and again.

### 79 EXT FRITH STREET NIGHT

79

Raining. Romer and Eva stand in a dark doorway waiting for a taxi. It's extremely dark -- the blackout

A taxi drives by [lights masked]. Romer steps out.

**ROMER** 

Taxi! Taxi!

He ducks back into the doorway.

ROMER

Damn! At least they're out and about. We'll get one.

The moment gathers around them -- its inevitability.

Eva's face raised. Romer Looking down on her.

They kiss. Gently, then with increasing passion.

FADE TO BLACK -- FADE UP

80 INT ROMER'S FLAT. BEDROOM NIGHT

80

In the dark room Romer and Eva make love.

81 INT ROMER'S FLAT KITCHEN NIGHT

81

Romer, in a dressing gown pours whisky into two glasses.

The kitchen is small and functional in the extreme. A stove with a kettle on it, a sink, a kitchen table and two chairs. Eva -- wearing only Romer's shirt -- checks out the cupboards. Bare. She finds something. Holds it up

**FVA** 

A tin of pilchards!

**ROMER** 

And a bottle of whisky.

EVA

You do live very frugally --

ROMER

-- I'm not here very often.

She goes and sits on his lap. They kiss. They sip their whisky.

ROMFR

We shouldn't have done that.

**EVA** 

I'm not complaining. It was lovely.

**ROMER** 

But I'm breaking all my rules.

**EVA** 

Ah, Romer's Rules. It's not the end of the world.

**ROMER** 

(kissing her neck)

Eva Delectorskaya -- who would have thought?...

EVA

(kissing him back) You never told me what we were celebrating.

ROMER

I didn't, did I? Promise you won't tell anyone...

EVA

I promise.

ROMER

We're all going on a trip abroad.

EVA

(stiffens slightly)
Anywhere interesting?

ROMER

Yes, thanks to you, Eva Delectorskaya, we're all going to the United States of America.

EVA's face. Taking in this astonishing news.

CUT TO --

#### 82 EXT CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE DAY

82

RUTH. Long blonde hair. Striding purposefully across an immaculate Cambridge College quadrangle.

Ruth turns and goes in the entrance to a stairway.

### 83 INT BOBBY VON ARNIM'S ROOMS DAY

83

CLOSE -- two glasses of whisky. One much fuller than the other.

MAN'S VOICE

Splash of water?

A HANDSOME GREY HAIRED MAN (50s) -- immaculate dark suit, silk bow tie -- stands by a crowded drinks table in a large study/sitting room overlooking the quad. Big sofa. A desk piled with books. Glass-fronted bookshelves. Good paintings on the walls. Discreet, intellectual taste.

This is BOBBY Von Arnim, Fellow in German History -- Ruth's

Bobby von Arnim fills Ruth's glass with water from a jug. Adds a tiny splash to his. Carries the glasses over. Hands one to her and sits down opposite. He has a slight German accent.

BOBBY VON ARNIM
Well, I suppose it was too much
to hope for a new chapter of your
fascinating thesis but it's a
delight to see you, Ruth
Gilmartin, for whatever reason.

Beggars can't be choosers. My day is made. My week is made.

Prost.

He raises his glass and takes a sip of his whisky.

RUTH

Cheers. Any Luck with the elusive Lucas Romer?

BOBBY VON ARNIM
We'll I've found somebody who
might fit the bill. He's very
discreet, this Romer fellow of
yours. Who's Who, Debrett's -nothing at all. However...
there's a certain Baron Mansfield
of Hampton Cleeve, a crossbencher
in the House of Lords who might
be him. Family name Romer. Ages
tally. War years a total blank --

RUTH -- Oh, right --

BOBBY VON ARNIM

-- But he does admit to a Croix
de Guerre from Belgium. Must be a
clue. A publisher, post-war, but
he seems to have done nothing but
publish obscure academic
journals. However, he sold the
firm for a lot of money about 15
years ago. Worth a shot, I
reckon. Might be your man.

RUTH How would I get in touch?

BOBBY VON ARNIM
Care of the House of Lords would
be the best bet -- because
there's no other address. Told
you he was very discreet.
(smiles)
I just love your English class

RUTH

But how would I get to see hi m?. . .

Bobby von Arnim goes and replenishes his whisky. Looks at her shrewdly.

> BOBBY VON ARNIM You want to meet him? Why?

> > RUTH

I've some questions for him --

BOBBY VON ARNIM -- The very beautiful but very evasive Ruth Gilmartin said with a slight blush rising to her cheeks --

**RUTH** 

-- I'm not blushing --

BOBBY VON ARNIM -- You want to be a little careful, my dear.

RUTH

Really? Why's that?

BOBBY VON ARNIM Because I suspect your Lord Romer

was a spy.

Bobby von Arnim is suddenly knowing, looking at her intently. Ruth plays it cool.

RUTH

A spy? Nonsense --

BOBBY VON ARNIM The various noticable gaps in the information always give it away. Then the obscure foreign decoration. No home address given. Why <u>do</u> you want to know about Lucas Romer?

RUTH

Just, you know, helping an old friend trying to track him down. Used to work with him in some organisation called AAS Ltd.

Bobby von Arnim becomes really curious now.

BOBBY VON ARNIM AAS? How do you know about that? Nobody knows about AAS.

RUTH

This friend mentioned it --

BOBBY VON ARNIM -- Can I meet this "friend" of yours? I'd be most interested to ask a few questions.

**RUTH** 

I doubt it. I don't think she --

BOBBY VON ARNIM "She"? Even more interesting --

**RUTH** 

-- You were going to tell me how to meet this Romer.

BOBBY VON ARNIM Well, with these people the only thing to do is flatter them. Say you're writing a piece for the Times -- no, the Telegraph. That usually flushes them out. Another tiny whisky?

**RUTH** 

No thanks. The Telegraph, you think. Goodness, is that the time? I better be going...

She stands, moves to the door. Bobby von Arnim opens it for her

> BOBBY VON ARNIM Yes... Do be careful, my dear Ruth. These people are. . . Let's say you never know what you'll uncover once you lift the lid.

Smiles. Ruth manages a smile back. She leaves. Bobby von Arnim closes the door behind her. Goes to his desk. Picks up the phone.

RUTH'S FLAT. CAMBRIDGE NIGHT 84 INT

84

Jochen, in his pyjamas, is wandering around the room with a toy plane, "flying" it over the furniture. Making planenoises. Sally looks on. Vaguely interested. Ruth comes in with two glasses of wine.

**RUTH** 

Why don't you fly into bed, darl i ng?

**JOCHEN** 

Who's staying here tonight?

**SALLY** 

We both are.

**JOCHEN** 

(to Sally)

Will you be here in the morning?

SALLY

Only if you're very, very good.

RUTH

I'll be back before midnight. Don't worry.

**JOCHEN** 

I'm not worried. I just like to know what's happening.

He flies his plane off to the bedroom. Ruth and Sally sit down with their wine.

SALLY

Do you think your Bobby von Arnim is right?

RUTH

I did some more research. The dates fit. Everything sort of vaguely fits. So I've written to him care of the House of Lords. Said I'm a journalist on the Tel egraph. Asking for an interview --

SALLY

-- about what? --

RUTH

-- I said "Secret Intelligence Service operations" -- Second World War -- very vague --

SALLY

-- Good. That's very good. That will intrigue him.

RUTH

Who are these people trying to "kill" you?

SALLY

Romer will know... He'll have all the answers. When you meet him, you must dress differently --

RUTH

-- What do you mean? --

**SALLY** 

-- Look smart, efficient, attractive --

RUTH

-- Thanks, Mum --

**SALLY** 

-- I'll give you a list of questions to ask him. Nothing too close to the bone... Just to get his interest piqued...

RUTH

Should I mention you?

SALLY

No. Absolutely no. Leave that to me. Once you've made the first contact, I can follow up.

Ruth stands. Goes to a table. Picks up a sheet of paper -- a photocopied photo. Stands holding it.

**RUTH** 

I found this. In a magazine. Taken at his son's wedding five years ago. There are no other published photos of him anywhere, as far as I can tell. This is what he looks like, now. Do you want to see it?

**SALLY** 

Yes.

RUTH

What if it's not him?

SALLY

We'll keep looking.

She hands it to Sally. Sally takes it. We sense her sudden trepidation. She looks.

CLOSE -- a "society" wedding photograph. Lucas Romer -- bald, grey, a small beard, stouter, in a morning suit.

CLOSER -- on the grainy image of Romer's older face. Unmi stakable.

SALLY'S FACE. Tears brim in her eyes. She whispers.

SALLY

That's him... That's Lucas Romer...

Ruth looks on. Upset at her mother's rare display of emotion. What she takes for love. Ruth goes and sits on the arm of the chair. Puts her arms round her mother, kisses the top of her head.

SALLY

See? Now you believe me, don't you?

RUTH

I think I always believed you. Well, maybe not at first... You won me over.

RUTH

Were you ever scared?

SALLY

At first it was more... more interesting than frightening. It got more frightening later...
Once we went to America...

DISSOLVE TO --

85 EXT OFFICE BLOCK. MANHATTAN. TRANSOCEANIC PRESS DAY

85

Stars and Stripes flying above the doorway. A YELLOW CAB whizzes by. All the NOISE and street bustle of Midtown Manhattan.

CAPTION: TRANSOCEANIC PRESS OFFICES. NEW YORK CITY. 1941.

Eva and Angus come out of the door.

**EVA** 

See you on Monday.

**ANGUS** 

What's your weekend?

TIME CUT -- Romer wakes. Eyes widen.

**ROMER** 

Good morning.

Eva stands here, smart in a suit. She pulls up her skirt, checks the alignment of her stockings.

F\/Δ

Some of us have a job to do.

ROMER

Come back to bed. They think I'm in Canada.

FVA

I'm sure everyone's as suspicious as hell.

**ROMFR** 

Oh, I'm very careful. Very.

He rolls out of bed. He's in his boxers. He gives her a quick kiss.

**ROMER** 

When's your meet?

**FVA** 

Ei ght-thi rty.

**ROMER** 

See you in Manhattan.

He goes into the bathroom. Eva waits. SOUND of shower.

She goes to Romer's briefcase. Opens it. Rummages through. Nothing interesting. She leaves, picking up her handbag as she goes. A routine check.

**FVA** 

Bye!

### 87 INT DINER. ALBANY DAY

87

A classic diner. Formica counter. Short order chefs. Rows of booths. Breakfasts being served.

Eva is in a booth. A WAITRESS approaches.

**WAI TRESS** 

Morning, Mam. What can I get you?

EVA

Just a regular coffee.

When the waitress has gone, Eva takes a New York Times from her hand bag. Places it on the seat beside her. She takes out a press release. Glances at it.

CLOSE -- we see: "Transoceanic Press Agency" and a headline: "Eleven US sailors die in U-Boat attack"

She slips the press release into the folded newspaper.

The waitress returns with the coffee and her check. Eva takes a sip. Her eyes on the door. She stiffens slightly.

A CREW-CUT MIDDLE-AGED MAN has come in. Hat in hand. He looks around. His eyes meet Eva's.

Eva stands, picks up her check and heads for the cashier. The New York Times remains on the seat. The man takes Eva's seat. Picks up the paper. His name is WITOLDSKI. Eva leaves without looking back.

88 EXT TRANSOCEANIC OFFICES, MANHATTAN DAY

88

Eva going in through the main door.

89 INT TRANSOCEANIC OFFICES, MANHATTAN DAY

89

Eva comes into the large lobby and stairway area.

Sylvia stands there rummaging in her handbag, snaps it shut.

SYLVI A

Hello, you. Good trip?

F\/A

Think so -- the fish are biting.

SYLVI A

Excellent news.

Sylvia smiles and they walk along a corridor together

ANGUS is limping along with two sticks and they join him.

**ANGUS** 

Morning ladies. Race you to the coffee machine.

SYLVI A

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EVA (carefully)
No. I was kind of out of touch.

SYLVIA
The best place to be, my dear.
800 bombers, they reckon.
Saturday and Sunday night.

EVA Jesus. All on London?

**ANGUS** 

-- Excellent. We can get that out coast-to-coast now it's broadcast -- now it was on the "news", after all, it's <a href="become">become</a> "news". Well done, Miss Dalton. We needed a break.

FVA

It's Mr Witoldski, really. Not me.

**ANGUS** 

Sylvia -- run that one everywhere -- particularly South America -- Argentina, Mexico.

**SYLVI A** 

If I put it out in Mexico they all pick it up --

**ANGUS** 

Great. Eve, get that to your Russian contacts.

EVA

Will do --

The phone rings. Blytheswood picks up.

**ALFIE** 

Hello?... Yes, sure.... (hands receiver to Eva) It's Morris.

Eva takes the receiver.

EVA

Morris?... Yes... Where? All right, see you there... (looks at the others) Something Russian's come up. Funny that...

SYLVI A

(looks at her shrewdly) So... Over to the Russian expert.

Eva stands, shrugs and leaves. Blytheswood retunes the big wireless receiver. More static. Blare of jazzy music.

91 INT HOTEL CORRIDOR DAY

91

Eva walking along the anonymous and rather shabby corridor of a mid-town hotel. She approaches a doorway, guarded by a NYPD COP.

 $$\operatorname{EVA}$$  I'm meeting Mr Devereux here.

He opens the door for her. Eva enters.

92

An unmade bed. The quilted head board is splattered with a big BLOOD-BURST. PULL BACK --

Eva and Morris stand back looking on.

FVA

My god... What happened?

MORRI S

"Suicide" -- so they say.

He hands her some photographs. Eva looks at them.

CLOSE -- CRIME SCENE PHOTOS -- BLACK and WHITE --

A portly man, clothed, lying on his bed. He has a bow-tie. The top of his head has been blown off. Blood-spatter on the quilted headboard. He has a revolver loosely gripped in

EVA

When I was interviewed by "C" about the Prenslo incident. In London. He was in the room.

MEMORY FLASH -- MUTE. Nekitch asking Eva his question.

BACK WITH MORRIS -- this is most interesting.

MORRI S

How fascinating. In London? "C" was in the room?

FVA

I believe so. What does that prove?

MORRI S

His name was Alexandr Nekitch. He was going to give me some vital information. That's why he committed suicide. Ha-ha...

Eva is cautious.

**EVA** 

How'd you get in this room? Isn't this the scene of a crime?

MORRI S

I've got some contacts in the New York Police Department. I needed to see this for myself. The windows were closed. The door was locked from the inside, key in the lock. They're bloody good, these Russians.

EVA

What do you mean?

**MORRIS** 

When it looks like a grade-A, incontestable, unmistakable suicide -- then it probably isn't.

EVA

You're saying he was murdered?... (suspicious)
What's it got to do with me?

MORRI S

I want you to ask your Russian contacts -- Tass, Pravda -- if there've been any new faces in town? See what their word is on Nekich's death.

(MORE)

Casual questions, you know, nothing to raise suspicions.

EVA

All right. Of course.

She hands him back the photographs. Looks at her watch.

F\/Δ

I've got to run.

# 93 EXT RAILWAY STATION, NEW YORK DAY

93

Eva and Romer walking along a platform beside a waiting train. Steam, whistles, shouts. PORTERS, PASSENGERS hurry to and fro.

Romer glances around. He seems a bit agitated. On edge. No-one looking.

**EVA** 

Is everything all right?

**ROMER** 

I had a couple of ghosts on my tail on the way here. Took some shaking off. Quite efficient. How about you?

EVA

Nothing. I took all the precautions. (smiles at him) Romer's rules.

He smiles back. Relaxes. Eva takes his hand discreetly.

EVA (cont'd)

Some NKVD agent who committed suicide in a hotel room.

ROMER

(suddenly suspicious)
An NKVD agent? What's it got to do with Morris?

**FVA** 

He was meant to meet this man, Nekitch. But he died before.

ROMER

Nekitch... Most odd...

(frowns)

Why don't I know about this?

EVA

I assumed you did... Anyway, listen, next Wednesday I've got to go to a radio station in Chicago. I thought we could --

ROMER

-- No. Something else has come up. I want you to go to Washington -- Now.

He opens a carriage door. Eva gets in. Romer follows.

93A INT. RAILWAY CARRIAGE DAY

93A

This is the bar/diner carriage of the train. Bench seats, a small bar at the end.

EVA

Washington? --

She can see this is business. Romer's demeanour has changed. Romer goes to the bar.

**ROMER** 

Coffee?

EVA

Please... What do I do in Washington?

**ROMER** 

(to barman)

One whi te coffée, one scotch and branch water.

Turns back to Eva

**ROMER** 

-- I want you to meet a man called Mason Harding.

They take their drinks and sit down.

I want you to interview this Mason Harding for Transoceanic. Set it up. Make an official appointment. Then, you know, get to know him...

**EVA** 

What do you mean? Make a date? Go out for a drink?

**ROMER** 

Yes. Make it personal.

He takes a gulp of his Scotch. Eva looks at him.

**EVA** 

Why?

**ROMER** 

Mason Harding is number two to Harry Hopkins -- and Harry Hopkins is the President's right hand. Harry Hopkins knows Roosevelt's every thought. We need to know what's happening in the oval office. We need to be that close...

He holds up his thumb and forefinger. Half an inch apart. Then spreads his arms wide.

ROMER

Currently, we're that close.

EVA

(carefully)

So I get to know this Mason Harding. We have a few drinks. What then? How "personal" do you want this to get?

**ROMER** 

I'll tell you. Maybe I'll pop down to Washington - it's an interesting town.

(looks at her)

You can do it Eva. No man can stand in your way when you set your mind to it.

(smiles)

Look at me.

EVA

I'll take that as a compliment.

She tries to kiss him. He holds her back. He hands her an envelope from his jacket pocket.

ROMFR

All the information's there. And money. Buy yourself a new wardrobe. I think a change of "look" might be wise.

**EVA** 

(taking envelope)
How will you feel if I get to
"know" this man very well?

ROMER

What I "feel" has nothing to do with it. And what you "feel" has nothing to do with it either. (hard, serious)
We're losing this war, Eva.

(MORE)

ROMER (cont'd)
And we'll lose it for sure unless
we get America in on our side.
It's as simple as that --

EVA

-- We've got Russia on our side, now --

**ROMER** 

--And the German army's fifty miles from Moscow. No, if we can get close to Roosevelt, know his real thoughts, his private conversations -- everything changes. From our point of view. (looks squarely at her)

**EVA** 

(takes this in)
And this Mason Harding is the weak link? The way in?

ROMER

Yes. We think so. It's very important, Eva --

EVA

-- Of course.

Romer picks up her hand, kisses her fingers. Thinks. Back to his old self.

**ROMER** 

(musi ng)

Why would Morris think you'd be interested in the death of a Russian agent?...

**EVA** 

He wanted me to sound out the Russian press agencies. See what the word was...

**ROMER** 

Really? Most unusual... Anyway... Just one thing --

**FVA** 

What?

**ROMER** 

If he finds out who you really are -- we can't come to your rescue.

**EVA** 

Of course not.

ROMER

It would give everything away -- our whole operation.

EVA

I understand. It's fine.

WHISTLE BLOWS. Shouts of "All aboard, all aboard!" Blast of steam. Romer stands. Drains his drink.

ROMER

Call me when you've checked into your hotel. I'll give you all the information you need. This is "Operation Eldorado". Mason Harding is "Gold". Good luck.

He smiles and walks to the door. Eva watches him step down to the platform. Mixed feelings. HOLD -- on EVA's FACE as we -- SOUND CUT --

PHONE RINGS once. CUT TO --

94 INT SALLY'S COTTAGE DAY

94

CLOSE -- the telephone in the hall on its small table. Rings again.

PULL BACK -- Sally watching it. It rings again. Stops. Sally steps forward. Phone rings. She picks up receiver.

SALLY

Ruth?

RUTH'S VOICE

Hello, Mum.

**SALLY** 

What's happening?

RUTH'S VOICE

Lucas Romer replied. He's prepared to meet me. At his London club.

Sally's emotions get the better of her again. She gasps. Covers mouthpiece with hand. Controls herself.

RUTH'S VOICE

Hello? You still there?

SALLY

Good. Come and see me and I'll give you all the information you need.

CUT TO --

95 INT DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE CORRIDOR WASHINGTON DC DAY 95

EVA -- TOTALLY DIFFERENT -- hair dyed BLONDE. Red lips. Tight suit. High heels. Sunglasses. Heels "click" on the parquet.

Walking along a featureless corridor -- TOWARDS CAMERA.

CUT TO --

### 96 SCENE CUT.

97

## INT SALLY'S COTTAGE DAY

97

96

RUTH reflected in the hallway mirror. She looks TOTALLY DIFFERENT. Smart in a dark suit, knee length black boots, her hair up. She checks her hair. Sally looks on -- she seems tense, bottled up.

SALLY

-- Just say that Morris Devereux was your uncle. No more. And watch for his reaction. Very closely. Any little sign.

RUTH

You've already told me that. Why are you so nervous? You're making me jumpy --

SALLY

-- I'm not nervous --

RUTH

(turning away from the mirror)

-- We've gone over everything again and again. I know what to do. Look, I'll miss my train...

She Leans over and kisses her.

RUTH

Relax. I'm just going to have a chat with a man.

**SALLY** 

It's not that simple...

(tense)
It's just that it's very

important -- for me. Lucas Romer is the only man who can help me. He's the only one...

RUTH

I'll talk to you later when I get back. It'll be fine.

She goes to the door.

### 98 EXT SALLY'S COTTAGE DAY

98

Ruth walking to her car, frowning. This is not like her mother. She pauses, looks back at the cottage.

Sally looks out through the window. Ruth gives her a thumbs-up sign. Gets into her car, starts engine. Sally moves away.

98A INT/EXT COTTAGE DAY

98A

IN THE EMPTY COTTAGE -- CAMERA ROVES down the corridor. Into the KITCHEN and on, out onto the TERRACE.

SALLY sits at the terrace table, head in her hands, staring intently at the woods, beyond. Troubled.

99 SCENE CUT 99

100 EXT PALL MALL GENTLEMAN'S CLUB. LONDON DAY 100

Ruth striding along a pavement -- WALKING TOWARDS US. She pauses. Looks across the street at --

The GRAND BUILDING that houses Lucas Romer's club. Brydges'.

She turns to the plate glass of a shop window and checks her appearance. Looking good.

She crosses the street towards the club. CUT TO --

ANOTHER ANGLE --

Ruth crossing the street. The view DOWN from a high window. PULLBACK TO REVEAL --

The OLD LUCAS ROMER Looking down at Ruth arriving. He's in

102 INT CORRIDOR. DEPT OF COMMERCE. WASHINGTON DC DAY 102

An endless corridor. Eva being escorted by a UNIFORMED SOLDIER. Her heels ring out on the flooring.

EVA following the soldier. She glances around. Eyes darting, taking everything in. Keeping her nerve.

She turns a corner. TWO UNIFORMED MARINES STAND THERE.

One of them opens a door. Eva goes through.

103

The CLUB SERVANT in a morning suit leads Ruth along a panelled corridor lined with oil paintings of former eminent club members.

She passes some ELDERLY SUITED MEN who freeze in their tracks and look at her as if she's an alien.

Ruth smiles brightly at them. Strides on, heels ringing.

The servant has paused at a door. Gestures.

**SERVANT** 

This is the ladies' waiting room, miss.

RUTH

How can you tell if I'm a lady?

**SERVANT** 

Beg pardon?

RUTH

Nothing, nothing --

**SERVANT** 

-- If you wish to use the conveniences please ring the bell first. Someone will come.

RUTH

Very reassuring.

**SERVANT** 

Lord Romer will be with you

The door opens and a SECRETARY appears.

SECRETARY
Mr Harding will see you now.

Eva stands and follows her out.

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