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MOVIE SCENE	FLASBACK TO HARD AND GLORIOUS TIMES
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SCENE 1.- FLASBACK TO HARD AND GLORIOUS TIMES

AIREY: Good night Margaret. My money's on the filly to win!

MARGARET: Oh, thanks Airey. Goodnight. (Suddenly a bomb explodes killing Airey on his way out of the parking) No. No, no! Airey!

VOICE EN OFF (A newsreader) : The Irish National Liberation Army has claimed responsibility for the death of Airey Neave, Margaret Thatcher's spokesman on Northern Ireland.

..... (Airey's voice remembered by Margaret)

AYREY: If you want to change the party, lead it. If you want to change the country, lead it. You've got it in you to go the whole distance!

..... (Margaret running for president, in campaign)

MARGARET: Now, as the test draws near, I ask your help. That together we can shake off the shackles of socialism and restore to greatness this country that we love. And the only way is for the Conservative Party to win!

(Voices over from newsreaders) It's Friday the 4th of May, a historic day for Britain, a Conservative government led by Mrs. Thatcher is set to lead - Mrs Gandhi in India, but never in the West has there been a woman Prime Minister. The place that she has secured in British history, as the first woman ever to be invited to form a government.

The bonus of one of the most famous addresses in the world, Number 10 Downing Street.

MARGARET'S HUSBAND: This is it, steady the buffs old girl.

(AT DOWNING STREET)

- Good afternoon, Prime Minister.

MARGARET: I should just like to say... that I take very seriously the trust... the British people placed in me today... and I will work hard every day to live up to that responsibility. And now, I should like to share with you a prayer... of St Francis of Assisi:

"Where there is discord may we bring harmony...

Where there is error may we bring truth...

Where there is doubt may we bring faith...

Where there is despair may we bring hope"

(Inside 10 Downing Street) Having the cabinet their photograph taken)

MARGARET: Shoulders back, tummies in . Oh. Thank you, Michael. Two, one.

(BACK TO PRESENT. MRS THATCHER IS OLD AND RETIRED FROM POLITICS)

MARGARET: I'm perfectly healthy. There's no need for any of this.

MARGARET'S HUSBAND (Actually his ghost; he exists only on Margaret's mind) : Just let them look under the bonnet, MT. Check everything is hunky dory.

MARGARET: Really it's becoming quite tiresome.

MARGARET'S HUSBAND : What is?

MARGARET: You. I was on my own for twenty four years... before I met you and I can manage perfectly well without you now. So will you please go away and stop bothering me.

(Cut to the doctor's)

DOCTOR: Just look straight at me, straight ahead, that's it. Are you noticing night sweats?

MARGARET: - No.

DOCTOR: Hallucinations?

MARGARET: No.

DOCTOR: Sleep?

MARGARET: Yes, I sleep. Four, five hours a night.

DOCTOR: So you wake early?

MARGARET: And I stay up late. I always have.

DOCTOR: We just want to keep abreast of it, that's all.

MARGARET: Yes. Of course.

DOCTOR: Grief is a very natural state.

MARGARET: My husband has been gone for years. Cancer.

DOCTOR: Carol says you've decided to let his things go. Probably a good thing.

MARGARET: Yes. It was my idea. To Oxfam. Perfectly good stuff. People can use these things.

DOCTOR: Still it must be a bit disorientating. You are bound to be feeling.

MARGARET: What? What am I 'bound to be feeling'? People don't 'think' any more. They 'feel'. 'How are you feeling?' 'Oh I don't feel comfortable with that' 'Oh, I'm so sorry but we, the group were feeling...' D'you know, one of the great problems of our age... is that we are governed by people who care... more about feelings than thoughts and ideas. Now thoughts and ideas. That interests me. Ask me what I am thinking.

DOCTOR: What are you thinking, Margaret?

MARGARET: Watch your thoughts, for they become words.

Watch your words, for they become actions.

Watch your actions, for they become habits.

Watch your habits, for they become your character.

And watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.

What we think, we become. My father always said that. And I think I am fine. But I do so appreciate your kind concern. (the doctor's phone beeps) Oh, do please answer that. It might be someone who needs you.