EP1/SC1. EXT. FIELD. DAY 1. 10:15

JOYCE, BEA, BILLY, ESTHER

NSE BABY WILLIAM, NSE LAND GIRLS

[MUSIC OVER –

A LARGE FIELD OF GRASS IN THE SUMMER SUN OF A BYGONE TIME.

NSE LAND GIRLS – ALL HEAD SCARVES, PASTEL BLOUSES, DUNGAREES AND GUMBOOTS ARE MAKING HAY.

JOYCE FISHER MOPS HER BROW, ENJOYING THE WARM SUN ON HER FACE. SHE RESUMES GATHERING THE CUT, DRY GRASS, EXHAUSTED BUT HAPPY WITH HER LOT.

NEARBY, **BEA FINCH**, NOW A FARMER'S WIFE. ALSO COLLECTS GRASS. SHE SMILES AT HER FRIEND.

THE CUTTINGS ARE SCOOPED UP BY A HAY RAKE – WIELDED BY **BILLY FINCH**, HER HUSBAND. AN EASY SMILE BETWEEN HIM AND BEA. VAGUELY HAPPY (FOR NOW). A PRAM (CONTAINING AN UNSEEN BABY WILLIAM) SITS IN THE B/G. BEA GLANCES AT IT LOVINGLY, BEFORE RESUMING HER WORK.

BILLY HAULS THE HAY RAKE'S CONTENTS UP ONTO A HAY LOADER (AN OPEN TOP TRUCK THAT ATTACHES TO A TRACTOR) – WHERE **ESTHER REEVES** STANDS ALOFT – TRAMPING THE GRASS DOWN AND KEEPING AN EYE ON PROCEEDINGS.

(OTHER GIRLS ARE DOING ALL THESE JOBS TOO)

CLOSE ON ESTHER'S BOOTS AS SHE TRAMPS DOWN THE GRASS...]

EP1/SC2. EXT. COUNTRY LANE. DAY 1. 10:16

MARTIN

[MUSIC CONTINUES –

FEET, RUNNING FLAT OUT...

MARTIN REEVES IS SPRINTING AS FAST AS HE CAN; ARMS EXTENDED. HE'S RACING SOMEONE...

OR SOMETHING...

SUDDENLY, A TIGER MOTH APPEARS ALONGSIDE HIM, FLYING PARALLEL...

FOR A BRIEF MOMENT THEY'RE NECK AND NECK ...

MARTIN LETS OUT A GLEEFUL CHEER AS THE PLANE RACES OFF]

EP1/SC3. EXT. FIELD. DAY 1. 10:17

JOYCE, ESTHER, BEA, BILLY, MARTIN

NSE BABY WILLIAM, NSE LAND GIRLS

[MUSIC CONTINUES –

ESTHER HEARS THE APPROACHING PLANE ENGINE AND STANDS, ALERT.

JOYCE, BEA, BILLY AND THE GIRLS HEAR THE PLANE A MOMENT LATER, SEARCHING THE SKIES.

THE TIGER MOTH APPEARS FROM BEHIND THE TREE LINE. IT TIPS ITS WINGS AS IT LOOPS ROUND TO BEGIN A DESCENT FOR LANDING.

EVERYBODY WATCHES. WHO IS THIS JOKER?

BEHIND THEM, MARTIN RUNS INTO THE FIELD AND, DESPITE BEING OUT OF BREATH, MANAGES TO YELL OUT]

MARTIN

Joyce! Joyce!

[BUT JOYCE ANTICIPATES WHAT HE'S ABOUT TO SAY – NOT THAT SHE BELIEVES..]

JOYCE

(TO HERSELF) No, it can't be...

[ON JOYCE, MISTRUSTING HER OWN EYES...]

EP1/SC4. INT. PASTURE FARM. KITCHEN. DAY 1. 10:19

FINCH

CHAMBERLAIN

[CLOSE ON SINGLE, SHABBY CANDLE BLAZING ON TOP OF A SUNKEN SPONGE CAKE .

SMILING **FREDERICK FINCH** PICKS UP THE CAKE AND BLOWS OUT THE CANDLE.

HE TURNS AND TALKS TO SOMEONE UNSEEN.

SOMEONE'S BIRTHDAY...]

FINCH

(BEAMING WITH PRIDE) Happy birthday. Only one candle mind, but there is a war on. Still never thought you'd make it this far, did we?

[HE KNEELS AND FEEDS THE CAKE TO CHAMBERALIN THE PIG.WEARING A SIMILAR NECKERCHIEF TO FINCH – HE CHOMPS ON THE CAKE]

FINCH

Good lad.

[ON FINCH, CHUCKLING AND HAPPY]

EP1/SC5. EXT. FIELD. DAY 1. 10:21

JOYCE, JOHN, ESTHER, MARTIN, BEA, BILLY

NSE LAND GIRLS, NSE BABY WILLIAM

[THE TIGER MOTH HAS LANDED. AS THE PROPELLER SLOWS TO A HALT, **JOHN FISHER** CLIMBS DOWN FROM THE PLANE AND PULLS OFF HIS FLYING HELMET.

JOYCE APPEARS. ESTHER AND MARTIN FOLLOW. BEA WITH THE PRAM AND BILLY IN THE REAR]

JOYCE

John..?

<u>JOHN</u>

It's a bit late, but I've got your birthday present.

[HE KISSES HER. A PASSIONATE MOMENT – AS BEA LOOKS ON – CAUGHT UP.

HE PRODUCES A SECOND FLYING HELMET.

JOYCE REELING. BEA, CAUGHT UP IN ROMANCE. BILLY LOOKS A BIT AWKWARD.

JOYCE LOOKS TO ESTHER FOR GUIDANCE.

ESTHER - GO ON!

A GRINNING JOYCE RUNS WITH JOHN TO THE PLANE, AFFIXING HELMET AS THEY GO.

A MOMENT, THEN...]

MARTIN

Mum? You know when it's my birthday..?

<u>ESTHER</u>

No.

[THEY WATCH AS THE PAIR GET INTO THE PLANE.

BEA LOOKS AT BILLY – ISN'T IT WONDERFUL? – BUT HE'S ALREADY TRAMPING OFF BACK TO WORK.

THE MUSIC SWELLS –

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BEA PIVOTS AROUND TO SEE THE TIGER MOTH FLY OVERHEAD. THE TAILWIND HITS HER, TAKING HER BREATH AWAY. SHE SEES JOYCE WAVING AND BEA SMILES, WISTFUL, CAUGHT UP IN THE ROMANCE OF IT ALL.

THE PLANE DISAPPEARS FROM VIEW]

ESTHER

Come on, girls. Let's get back to work.

[THIS BRINGS HER BACK TO EARTH WITH A THUD.

SLOWLY SHE FOLLOWS ESTHER BACK TOWARD THE WORK BUT HER GAZE REMAINS FIRMLY IN THE SKIES.

THE MUSIC ENDS]

<u>EP1/SC6. INT. MANOR HOUSE. ENTRANCE HALL.</u> <u>DAY 1. 11:00</u>

ELLEN, DIANA (OOV)

[A SOMBRE, LADY ELLEN HOXLEY, <u>WEARING</u> <u>WIDOW'S BLACKS</u> LOOKS REFLECTIVELY AT A MAN'S JACKET. WITH CARE, SHE BRUSHES SOME LINT FROM THE LAPEL – SOMETHING DONE MANY TIMES WHEN LAWRENCE WORE IT. SHE MILES SADLY]

SHE HEARS SOUNDS OF A COMMOTION OUTSIDE...]

DIANA (OOV)

And I'm telling you - she won't mind. That tweed is fabulous!

[HOW UNSEEMLY! ELLEN – STERN FACED – GOES TO INVESTIGATE...]

CONTINUOUS TO:

EP1/SC7. EXT. MANOR HOUSE. DRIVEWAY. DAY 1. 11:02

ELLEN, DIANA

NSE GI SOLDIERS, NSE SERVANT

[ELLEN EMERGES TO FIND LOTS OF **NSE GI SOLDIERS** – FRENETIC ACTIVITY, JEEPS AND TRUCKS, AND MEN BUSY UNLOADING.

AND NEAR THE ENTRANCE, A TRUNK OF LAWRENCE'S CLOTHES – AND THE NSE SERVANT ARGUING WITH THE BOHEMIAN **DIANA GRANVILLE** OVER A MAN'S TWEED COAT THAT DIANA HAS FISHED FROM THE TRUNK]

DIANA

Just hand it over, there's a good girl.

[DIANA GRABS THE COAT. ELLEN PUTS THE COAT SHE'S CARRYING IN THE TRUNK AND INDICATES FOR THE SERVANT TO GO – SHE'LL HANDLE THIS...]

ELLEN

Is there a reason why you're purloining my dead husband's clothes, Diana?

DIANA

Just following the 'make do and mend' policy, darling. There's a little woman in Helmstead who'll turn this into the most divine skirt and jacket.

ELLEN

Words fail me.

[DIANA CAN'T SEE THE PROBLEM...]

DIANA

You're always on at me about setting an example...not flaunting our wealth...

ELLEN

My wealth. (SARCASTIC) Yes, I should be grateful, shouldn't I? (BEAT) And talking fabric, I don't suppose you've spent any time acquiring the uniforms for the new land girls?

DIANA

I've been busy.

[MORE NSE SOLDIERS PASS BY. DIANA LOOKS APPROVINGLY AT THEM]

ELLEN

We'll let them work in their underwear, shall we?

DIANA

(DON'T KEEP ON) I'll do it.

ELLEN

You keep saying you'll help...(SHAKES HER HEAD) Maybe it's time you faced the music instead. Went back to your husband.

[A SLIGHT NOTE OF PANIC FROM DIANA]

DIANA

But...I can hardly leave you alone with all that you've been through...

ELLEN

Alone? Half the US military are here in case you hadn't noticed.

[DIANA KNOWS SHE HAS TO CONVINCE ELLEN NOT TO MAKE HER LEAVE THE MANOR, SO...]

DIANA

Alright, I'll help more if it makes you happy.

ELLEN

Let's hope you do. Otherwise I might just pack your bags myself.

[FOR GOOD MEASURE, ELLEN SNATCHES THE TWEED COAT AND GOES BACK INTO THE HOUSE.

DIANA - THE WIND TAKEN OUT OF HER SAILS...]

EP1/SC8. EXT. PASTURE FARM. BARN YARD. DAY 1. 11:30

CONNIE, BILLY, BEA, ESTHER, MARTIN, FINCH

NSE GI SOLDIERS, NSE BABY WILLIAM

[THE END OF A LONG MORNING, AS EVERYONE TRAIPSES ACROSS THE YARD FOR LUNCH.

BEA PUSHES THE PRAM – A DREAMY SMILE ON HER FACE. THEY REACH THE FRONT DOOR. SPONTANEOUSLY, SHE LEAVES THE PRAM AND TRIES TO JUMP INTO BILLY'S ARMS]

BILLY

What are you..?

<u>BEA</u>

Come on. Over the threshold.

[BILLY – CONFUSED – WON'T PLAY ALONG]

BEA

Only, you didn't do it when we got married.

BILLY

(SMILING) Don't be daft.

[A FLASH OF DEJECTION ON BEA'S FACE...FOLLOWED BY DETERMINATION. RIGHT THEN! IF SHE WANTS ROMANCE...

...SUDDENLY, AN AMERICAN JEEP APPEARS, FULL OF NSE GI SOLDIERS, FORCES RADIO BLARING OUT '<u>CHATTANOOGA CHOO CHOO'</u>

...SINGING ALONG IS **CONNIE CARTER**, A DASH OF BRIGHT RED LIPSTICK; A CONTRADICTION OF VULNERABLE AND TOUGH; TOMBOYISHLY SEXY]

CONNIE

(SINGING, PARTIALLY AUDIBLE AT FIRST) You leave the Pensilvania Station 'bout quarter to four Read a magazine and then you're in Baltimore Dinner in the diner, nothing could be finer...

[BABY WILLIAM WAKES WITH THE NOISE. BEA COMFORTS HIM.

AS THE JEEP SKIDS TO A HALT, WE HEAR...]

CONNIE

Than to have your ham and eggs in Carolina When you hear the whistle blowing eight to the bar Then you know that Tennessee is not very far

> [FROM THE HOUSE, FINCH APPEARS AND CLOCKS THE SCENE. ONE OF THE SOLDIERS LOWERS CONNIE TO THE GROUND, A CHEEKY HAND ON HER BACKSIDE...]

CONNIE

(NOT THROWN) Shovel all the coal in

[SHE PLANTS A SMACKER ON HIS SURPRISED LIPS]

CONNIE

(FLIRTY) Gotta keep it rollin'

[BEA LOOKS STUNNED.

CONNIE BREAKS AND WIPES THE RED LIPSTICK FROM HIS FACE. SHE PLUCKS SOME GUM FROM HIS POCKET. HE SMILES – SURE, TAKE IT]

<u>ESTHER</u>

I've seen it all now.

[AS CONNIE'S CASE IS LOWERED FROM THE JEEP]

CONNIE

(TO BILLY) Alright sweetheart, give us a hand with my case, will you?

[BILLY SCURRIES TO GET THE CASE. BEA – PUT OUT. ESTHER TURNS HER ATTENTION TO THE YANKS]

ESTHER

Clear off. Haven't you got barracks to go to?

[CONNIE SAUNTERS OFF TOWARD OUR WATCHING GANG, <u>SOAKING UP THE WHISTLES</u> FROM THE DEPARTING SOLDIERS.

(NOTE; SHE BEHAVES LIKE THIS PRIMARILY FOR A NEED FOR ATTENTION)]

ESTHER

Are you Connie Carter?

CONNIE

The one and only, pleased to meet you.

ESTHER

(TO THE OTHERS) She's our new land girl...

[CONNIE SURVEYS HER NEW FAMILY...ALL SHAKING HEADS IN WONDERMENT. SHE'S HAPPY TO BE THE SOLE FOCUS...]

MARTIN

Why were you kissing that Yank?

CONNIE

Small price to pay to save walking from the station.

<u>ESTHER</u>

Right. The show's over everyone. Come on.

[WITH A SNIGGER, FINCH WALKS OFF. THE OTHERS FOLLOW INTO THE FARM – EXCEPT CAPTIVATED MARTIN WHO HOLDS BACK.

CONNIE RUFFLES HIS HAIR AS SHE GOES PAST.

HE CHUCKLES.

ON MARTIN, INTRIGUED WITH HIS NEW FRIEND...]

CUT TO:

EP1/SC9. EXT. CLEARING. DAY 1. 11:35

JOYCE, JOHN

[A SECLUDED SPOT. THE PLANE IN THE B/G. WE FIND JOYCE AND JOHN ENTWINED – BUT JOYCE DISTRACTED. JOHN KNOWS WHY...]

<u>JOHN</u>

(HANDS TIED) This was only ever a surprise visit. I've got to get the old crate back to Condover.

JOYCE

(RALLYING HERSELF) I suppose.

<u>JOHN</u>

Temps de partir, ma cherie. (It will soon be time for me to leave, my dear)

JOYCE

What was that?

<u>JOHN</u>

Been learning it. (BEAT) In case I meet any French birds.

[A PLAYFUL DIG FROM JOYCE]

<u>JOHN</u>

(THE TRUTH) Part of the evasion training.

JOYCE

Well, you can evade those French birds for a start!

<u>JOHN</u>

(NO) Give me a Coventry girl any time.

JOYCE

Glad to hear it.

[HE PULLS HER IN FOR A KISS]

JOYCE

So when are you off?

<u>JOHN</u>

(SHRUGS) Soon. But know what?

[JOYCE SHAKES HER HEAD – WHAT?]

<u>JOHN</u>

I've fixed things so I can swing by the farm tomorrow evening. See you again before I go.

JOYCE

Hmm, I don't know, I was planning on reading my Agatha Christie...

[PLAYFULLY, HE PULLS HER IN AND SQUEEZES HER. WE LEAVE THEM KISSING AND ENJOYING THEIR MOMENT IN THE SUN...]

EP1/SC10. EXT. PASTURE FARM. BARN. DAY 1. 11:40

FINCH, MRS GULLIVER, ESTHER, CONNIE, MARTIN

[CONNIE AND ESTHER EMERGE FROM THE FARM. (CONNIE HASN'T GOT HER UNIFORM YET)]

ESTHER

And before breakfast, I expect the eggs collected. We have a rota so that a different girl does the honours each day.

CONNIE

(KEEN) And do you have names for all the hens?

<u>ESTHER</u>

(TARTLY) It's a working farm, not Winnie the Pooh.

[FINCH COMES OUT FROM A BARN, OILY HANDS. MARTIN IS WITH HIM. ESTHER – WELL?]

FINCH

(GRUMPY) Still won't start.

ESTHER

Why doesn't that surprise me?

[FINCH AND ESTHER SHARE A SMILE. MEANWHILE CONNIE GOES BOSS-EYED FOR MARTIN]

ESTHER

I don't know why you bought his tractor. I wouldn't trust Vernon Storey as far as I could throw him.

CONNIE

(KEEN TO HELP) I could have a look. I used to court a mechanic. Some of it might have rubbed off. (TO MARTIN) His oily hands certainly did.

ESTHER

You've got enough to do, lady.

[MRS. GULLIVER APPEARS ON HER BICYCLE, WITH A CLIPBOARD AND A SENSE OF SELF-IMPORTANCE]

ESTHER

(TO FINCH) Here comes trouble...

[CONNIE AND ESTHER GO.

FINCH AND MARTIN SHARE A WORRIED LOOK]

MARTIN

We've already had the post, haven't we?

MRS GULLIVER

I'm not here as post mistress, child. I'm here in my other official role. I have been asked, on behalf of the Parish Council...to conduct an audit of livestock.

[MARTIN, WORRIED. FINCH, DEFIANT]

FINCH

You know what you can do with your audit...

[MRS. GULLIVER STEAM ROLLERS ON...

FINCH, WORRIED]

MRS GULLIVER

Shall we start, Mr Finch? I'll need your inventory...

[RELUCTANTLY, FINCH STRIDES OFF.

MRS. GULLIVER TURNS HER NOSE UP AT MARTIN AND FOLLOWS...]

EP1/SC11. EXT. CLEARING. DAY 1. 11:45

JOYCE, JOHN

[JOHN TICKLES JOYCE'S NOSE WITH A BLADE OF GRASS. BOTH HAPPY IN THEIR BUBBLE]

JOHN

You know, we never really talked about having a squadron of our own...

JOYCE

(AMUSED)Well, the war got in the way, didn't it?

JOHN

And when it's over?

[SHE NODS, WISTFUL. YES, SHE'D WANT THAT]

JOYCE

My mum was always on about grandchildren, wasn't she?

JOHN

She'll be looking down, pleased we're talking about it now.

[JOYCE SMILES]

JOYCE

Can you imagine us, old and wrinkly? House full of children...maybe even grandchildren, all round the table eating Sunday lunch. Plates piled high. And everyone asking about the time you swept me away in a Tiger Moth. (BEAT) The war'll just be a distant memory, but we'll never forget today, will we?

<u>JOHN</u>

I can't wait.

JOYCE

It'll keep me going each time you go off risking your neck.

JOHN

I'll always come back.

[JOYCE NODS, IF ONLY THAT WAS TRUE]

JOYCE

How many men have said that to their wives?

<u>JOHN</u>

You've got to hold on to...that Sunday lunch. Yeah?

[JOYCE NODS. BRAVE FACE.

JOHN CHECKS HIS WATCH]

JOYCE

Is it time for you to go already?

<u>JOHN</u>

(NODS) It's only au revoir.

[A TENDER KISS. HE WALKS TO THE PLANE]

<u>JOHN</u>

We'll say our goodbyes tomorrow!

[SHE WAVES, SMILING, STIFF UPPER LIP...

...JOHN GETS INTO THE PLANE...

...SMILES AND A WINK...

...WE PULL UP ABOVE JOYCE'S HEAD UNTIL THE FRAME IS PURE BLUE SKY...]

EP1/SC12. EXT. MILITARY AERODROME. DAY 1. 11:50

JACK, GENERAL GARWOOD

NSE GI SOLDIERS

[...BLUE SKY...BROKEN BY A DC3 MILITARY PLANE DESCENDING TO LAND ON A PRIVATE RUNWAY.

NSE GI SOLDIERS BUSY THEMSELVES TO RECEIVE THE VISITOR. THEY LINE UP, SMART, STOOD TO ATTENTION, AS **GENERAL GARWOOD** WALKS THE LINE TOWARD THE PLANE, WHICH HAS TAXI'D TO A HALT.

... THE DOOR OPENS.

....TENSION BUILDS. THE GENERAL NERVOUS.

...A PUFF OF CIGAR SMOKE EMERGES FROM THE OPENING. FOLLOWED BY **JACK GILLESPIE**, RUTHLESS INDUSTRIALIST AND MILLIONAIRE. A HAT AND AN EXPENSIVE SUIT – JACK TAKES IN HIS NEW ENVIRONMENT, BEFORE LANGUIDLY DESCENDING TOWARD THE GENERAL]

JACK

General Garwood.

GARWOOD

(SHAKING HANDS) Mr. Gillespie. It's a privilege.

JACK

Hope it wasn't a problem travelling with the gear myself. I wanted to keep an eye on these babies all the way...

[B/G: SOLDIERS BEGIN TO UNLOAD THE PLANE WITH BOXES MARKED 'GILLESPIE INC]

GARWOOD

My men will take great care.

[GARWOOD USHERS JACK TOWARD HIS CAR]

GARWOOD

They'll be stored in a secure base. And we've requisitioned part of a country estate for a few weeks for testing and planning.

[A NOTE OF HOPE IN JACK'S VOICE...]

JACK

In Helmstead?

GARWOOD

Just outside. Place called Hoxley Manor.

JACK

Outstanding.

[JACK NODS, PLEASED. AS HE GETS IN THE CAR, HE PAUSES...HUSHED, SECRETIVE...]

JACK

And is there...any news concerning my son?

GARWOOD

We're pursuing a number of leads. I'm sure it's only a matter of time.

[JACK'S NOT HAPPY]

JACK

Make it a priority, I've got to be back in Chicago in three weeks, General.

GARWOOD

Yes Sir.

[JACK GETS IN.

ON GARWOOD, KNOWING HE HAS TO PULL HIS FINGER OUT...]

<u>EP1/SC13. EXT. PASTURE FARM. YARD NEAR PIG STY.</u> DAY 1. 11:55

FINCH, MRS GULLIVER, MARTIN

NSE CHAMBERLAIN

[MRS. GULLIVER WALKS TOWARD A STABLE, HOLDING A DOG-EARED SHEET OF PAPER (FINCH'S INVENTORY). (A TROUGH OF BRACKISH WATER IS BEHIND HER). MARTIN TAGS ALONG.

FINCH CATCHES UP, KEEN TO CURTAIL HER VISIT. INTO FLATTERY MODE AS HE TRIES TO STEER HER PAST THE STABLE]

FINCH

It's good they've trusted you...with the wotsit...the audit. Recognised your true talents at last, eh?

[NOT FOOLED, MRS. GULLIVER EVADES FINCH'S STEERING GOING BACK TO THE STABLE DOOR]

MRS GULLIVER

Open it.

FINCH

There's nothing...

MRS GULLIVER

Mr. Finch!

[HE PULLS THE DOOR OPEN AND MRS GULLIVER'S FACE LIGHTS UP. AHA! SHE BENDS TO LOOK. FINCH DOES TOO. WE DON'T SEE WHAT IT IS]

MRS GULLIVER

It says here your pigs went to slaughter last week, why is this pig still here?

MARTIN

It's not a pig it's Chamberlain.

[THE PIG RUNS AT MRS. GULLIVER – SHE FALLS BACKWARDS INTO THE TROUGH. SPLASH!]

MRS GULLIVER

<SCREAMS>

[STUNNED AND APOPLECTIC WITH RAGE, SHE SITS IN THE TROUGH. MARTIN CAN'T HELP LAUGHING.

FINCH TRIES TO HELP. BUT, CLUMSILY HE LOSES HIS GRIP – DUNKING HER FOR A SECOND TIME]

MRS GULLIVER

Unhand me, I can...

[SHE CLAMBERS OUT]

MRS GULLIVER

What type of pig is it?

[FINCH SHRUGS. SO MRS. GULLIVER STARES AT MARTIN]

MRS GULLIVER

Child?

MARTIN

Large white, Landrace Cross.

[MARTIN, SORRY TO FINCH.

MRS. GULLIVER STARTS TO LEAVE (INVENTORY IN HAND)]

MRS GULLIVER

By the end of next week...you must...surrender that animal for slaughter.

[ON FINCH AND MARTIN SHARING A WORRIED LOOK...]

EP1/SC14. INT. PASTURE FARM. KITCHEN. DAY 1. 13:15

BEA, JOYCE, CONNIE

[BEA AND CONNIE LISTEN TO JOYCE'S STORIES. BEA WRITES ON PIECES OF PAPER]

JOYCE

It was so cold up there I thought my face was going to freeze.

BEA

That explains why it's stuck in that smile.

CONNIE

Most romantic time I ever had involved an ARP warden and a blackout in Bermondsey.

[THEY GIGGLE. BEA, REMEMBERING WHEN SHE WAS ONCE THIS CAREFREE]

<u>CONNIE</u> (TO BEA) What you writing?

BEA

(COY) It's a secret...

JOYCE

(TO CONNIE) So whereabouts in London are you from?

CONNIE

Stepney. In the East End.

JOYCE

Was your street bombed then?

CONNIE

(NODS) Best thing that happened to it. (EXPLAINING) I didn't see it as my street – it was just where...(TRAILING OFF IN THOUGHT, THEN, PERKY). Anyway I'd been gone a long time by then.

[JOYCE, A LOOK OF CONCERN]

CONNIE

(TO BEA, LIGHTLY) Here, you're not taking this down, are you? Don't want my words turning up nowhere.

BEA

(CONCENTRATING) Actually, I'm writing clues.

JOYCE

What for?

BEA

I'm surprising Billy. A picnic under his dad's tree.

CONNIE

Sounds dull.

[OFF BEA'S CONSTERNATION...]

CONNIE D. 11. 1. (OLUCI)

Dull-ightful. (QUICKLY) Romantic.

BEA

It will be. Billy has to work out the clues and find me.

CONNIE

Easier to let him follow a trail of string, wouldn't it?

[BEA CHUCKLES]

JOYCE

So what are you going to wear?

BEA

Don't know. After the baby...they all need taking out a little bit.

[CONNIE SEES A WAY TO CEMENT FRIENDSHIP]

<u>CONNIE</u>

I might have a dress you could borrow. And maybe a pair of nylons.

BEA

Really?

CONNIE

Used to have a fancy fella in London. He'd get me all sorts.

[BEA TAKES THIS IN, AND THEN NODS. THANKS. CONNIE SMILES BACK – SLIGHTLY SAD AT THE MEMORY OF HER MAN.

IT'S A SMALL STEP ON THE PATH TO ACCEPTANCE...]

CUT TO:

EP1/SC15. EXT. BOTTLE AND GLASS. DAY 1. 14:20

FINCH, MORGAN, MRS GULLIVER

NSE LANDLORD, NSE VILLAGERS

INSE VILLAGERS MILL ABOUT. WE FIND **FINCH** WALKING WITH PURPOSE.

JUST THEN **DOCTOR WALLY MORGAN (50+)** LANDS AT FINCH'S FEET – SLUNG OUT OF THE PUB BY THE **NSE LANDLORD**. MORGAN IS AN UNSHAVEN, UNKEMPT MAN WHO LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN POURED INTO HIS SUIT. HE IS TIPSY]

FINCH

Here! I've been looking all over for you, Doc.

[A DOCTOR'S BAG IS FLUNG OUT TO JOIN HIM. AS MORGAN DUSTS HIMSELF DOWN]

MORGAN

Finch (BEAT) Just because a man finds himself in loud disagreement over the landlord's prices

[HE TRIES TO MOUNT HIS PUSHBIKE AND MAKES A PIG'S EAR OF IT. FINCH PUTS HIS HANDS ON THE HANDLEBARS, STOPPING HIM]

FINCH

I need your help...

[ON MORGAN, PERPLEXED...]

FINCH

The County show. Am I too late to enter Chamberlain for best pig?

MORGAN

But it's in two days time.

FINCH

It's his only chance. (CONSPIRATORIAL) He's got a notice for slaughter.

[OFF MORGAN'S LOOK, FINCH SHAKES HIS HEAD – NO TIME TO EXPLAIN IT ALL NOW]

FINCH

But if he can win the County show,...then he'll be considered prime breeding stock, won't he?

MORGAN

And be exempt from a grisly end. (MARVELLING) Clever.

FINCH

So..?

[BARELY NOTICED, MRS. GULLIVER APPEARS]

MORGAN

Mine's a pint? (BEAT) Oh, I see. Look, I'm sure they'll let you enter him late.

[MUSIC TO FINCH'S EARS. HE SAUNTERS OFF.

AS MORGAN GETS ON HIS BIKE, HE LOOKS UP TO SEE MRS. GULLIVER. FEAR ON HIS FACE]

MRS GULLIVER

What did he want?

MORGAN

It was...a medical matter.

MRS GULLIVER

Don't lie to me, otherwise I'll paint you as guilty as him. (BEAT) Now, I'll ask you one more time...

[ON MORGAN, FEARFUL AND ABOUT TO SPILL THE BEANS...]

<u>EP1/SC16. INT. MANOR HOUSE. ENTRANCE HALL.</u> <u>DAY 1. 15:10</u>

ELLEN, DIANA, JACK, GENERAL GARWOOD

NSE GI SOLDIERS

[DIANA OPENS THE FRONT DOOR TO TWO NSE SOLDIERS. THEY HOLD BOXES. SHE CHECKS THE COAST IS CLEAR...]

DIANA

Quickly!

[THEY ENTER]

DIANA

As far as I'm concerned, you brave boys deserve to use the front door.

[THEY'RE EMBARRASSED BY HER MANNER. THEY GO INSIDE THE HOUSE. AS DIANA GOES TO CLOSE THE DOOR, SHE FINDS JACK GILLESPIE STANDING IN THE DOORWAY. SHE LOOKS HIM AND UP AND DOWN AND LIKES WHAT SHE SEES]

[HE EXTENDS A HAND]

JACK

Lady Hoxley. Pleased to meet you. (BEAT) That's what I call you, right?

DIANA

You can call me anything you like.

[JACK – ENJOYING THE BANTER]

DIANA

And whom do I have the pleasure of addressing?

[BEHIND THEM, ELLEN ENTERS THE MANOR – WITH GARWOOD. SHE FANS CIGAR SMOKE OUT OF HER WAY. <u>COUGHING FOR EFFECT</u>]

ELLEN

(DISDAIN) Mr. Gillespie, I presume. If you must smoke in my house, does it have to smell like you're burning rolled-up carpet?

[JACK, INTRIGUED BY THIS ICY BEAUTY...]

ELLEN

Lady Ellen Hoxley.

[SLOWLY, JACK TURNS TO DIANA. THEN WHO..? DIANA, SPARKY AND UNREPENTANT.

MORE SOLDIERS PASS]

DIANA

Diana Granville.

ELLEN

My sister. And I'm sure she's got work to do...

DIANA

(DISMISSIVE) It's all in hand. (TO JACK, FLIRTY) Lovely to meet you, Mr. Gillespie...

[GENERAL GARWOOD CLEARS HIS THROAT]

<u>GARWOOD</u> (TO JACK) We're ready in the ops room when you are.

JACK

Business calls. Ladies.

[HE FOLLOWS GARWOOD DOWN THE CORRIDOR]

<u>ELLEN</u>

What do you think you're doing?

DIANA

Livening up this mausoleum.

[ON ELLEN, WONDERING WHAT LIES AHEAD...]

CUT TO:

<u>EP1/SC17. INT/EXT. PASTURE FARM.</u> WOMEN'S BEDROOM / YARD. DAY 1. 15:30

BILLY, CONNIE, JOYCE, BEA, ESTHER

[WE SEE BILLY FROM THE WINDOW OF THE DORM. HE IS READING A NOTE, LOOKING CONFUSED]

BEA

(EXCITED) Has he worked it out?

JOYCE

To be honest, he looks a bit confused.

CONNIE

I told you the clue was too difficult.

[BEA PICKS UP CONNIE'S LOANED DRESS FROM THE BED, AND ADMIRES IT THROUGH THE NEXT...]

BEA

"A big tea found with an R for romance". That's obvious.

CONNIE

It is to you 'cos you know the answer.

BEA

Tea with an R...Tree! Tree!

CONNIE

I know the answer. It's your husband you've got to worry about. (BEAT) You're going to have to tell him.

JOYCE

That might take the fun out of it.

CONNIE

I suppose, he's got until tonight to work it out.

BEA

I hope so. Last time I planned something, Finch's ferret got under the bed and Billy spent all night trying to catch it.

[THE GIRLS AMUSED – AS CONNIE ROOTS IN HER CASE. SHE HANDS BEA THE STOCKINGS]

CONNIE

Nearly forgot.

BEA

Thanks so much.

JOYCE

They've got seams!

<u>CONNIE</u> No cold tea on your legs tonight.

[AS CONNIE CLOSES HER CASE]

BEA

What happened to your fella then? The one in London.

CONNIE

(WITH DISDAIN) He's still there. I'm not.

[CONNIE LOOKS HAUNTED. BEA INTRIGUED.

BUT THE MOMENT IS BROKEN BY ESTHER ENTERING]

ESTHER

Come on you lot. Talking isn't going to get the hay twined.

[CONNIE AND BEA START TO LEAVE]

ESTHER

Connie your uniform hasn't come yet. So you'll have to make do until we get you up to the Manor House.

[CONNIE NODS. HER AND BEA START TO LEAVE.

JOYCE, DISTRACTED.

SHE'S STILL BY THE WINDOW, LOOKING OUT]

JOYCE

(WINCING) I think he'll be out there for a while...

EP1/SC18. INT. PASTURE FARM. PIG STY. DAY 1. 15:55

MRS GULLIVER

CHAMBERLAIN

[CHAMBERLAIN CHOMPS SCRAPS FROM A TRAY.

A DARK SHADOW FALLS ACROSS HIM. A THIN WOMAN WITH A BUN.

MRS. GULLIVER CHECKS THE COAST IS CLEAR.

FROM HER BAG, SHE PRODUCES AN OLD-FASHIONED LEMONADE BOTTLE FULL OF SOME NOXIOUS LIQUID.

SHE RECOILS AT THE SMELL.

SHE POURS SOME OVER THE LEFT-OVERS.

CHAMBERLAIN TUCKS IN.

MRS. GULLIVER SMILES DARKLY ...]

<u>EP1/SC19. INT. PASTURE FARM. YARD NEAR MILKING SHED.</u> DAY 1. 16:00

BILLY, CONNIE, MARTIN, ESTHER, BEA

COW

[CLOSE ON BILLY, SIDE-BY-SIDE, WITH CONNIE. AT FIRST, WE DON'T SEE WHAT THEY ARE DOING]

BILLY

And you grab it gently in your hand...

CONNIE

(UNSURE) Ohh.

[SHE DOES SO. HE SMILES, ENJOYING THE FUN]

CONNIE

Blimey. Doesn't feel like I thought it would.

BILLY

Everyone says that. Now, between your thumb and finger...

[PULL OUT TO SHOW THAT BILLY IS TEACHING HER HOW TO MILK A COW. MARTIN WATCHES FROM OUTSIDE, UNSEEN]

CONNIE

So are you doing anything special later?

BILLY

(THINKING IT'S A COME ON) Concentrate on the ...

CONNIE

(FISHING TO SEE IF HE'S SUSSED IT) No, silly, I mean. You and Bea.

[HE SHAKES HIS HEAD. CONNIE ROLLS HER EYES]

CONNIE

Now I can see why your last night together ended up with you chasing a ferret...

[MARTIN STIFLES A LAUGH...]

BILLY

Has Bea been talking?

CONNIE

(REALISES SHE'S MADE A MISTAKE) No...I...guessed...

BILLY

You're not that smart.

CONNIE

Neither are you. That's the problem. The clues? Alright, I'll be straight with you. She's planning a surprise – and you've got to pretend that you're surprised, even though I'm telling you about the surprise, ok?

[MARTIN OUTSIDE THE SHED LISTENING]

BILLY

What are you talking about?

CONNIE

She's planning a picnic! Under your dad's tree.

BILLY

Why?

CONNIE

Because...girls need romance. Oh, come here.

[CONNIE GRABS HIS HANDS]

CONNIE

You pull her close. Tell her she's the most beautiful woman in the world...

[BILLY LAUGHS WITH EMBARRASSMENT]

CONNIE

Go on. Pretend I'm her.

BILLY

(NOT TRYING) You're the most beautiful woman in the world.

[MARTIN GIGGLES TO HIMSELF]

CONNIE

Then hook your hand on her waist. (BEAT) Go on.

[RELUCTANTLY, HE DOES SO]

CONNIE

Keep looking into her eyes, that's really important.

BILLY

This feels stupid.

CONNIE

Hold her close so all you can hear is her heart beat, she looks so beautiful she takes your breath away and when the moment feels right, lean in and...

[JOKINGLY, SHE PECKS HIM ON THE CHEEK.

INSTINCTIVELY, BILLY PULLS AWAY ...

...KNOCKING THE GATE...

...<u>CONNIE SCREAMS</u>...

...AND SENDING MARTIN TUMBLING LIKE A RAG DOLL FACE FIRST ONTO THE HARD FLOOR. BILLY SCRAMBLES OVER TO MARTIN'S PRONE BODY – AS ESTHER AND BEA BURST IN]

ESTHER

Martin!

[ESTHER IS DISTRAUGHT. SHE THINKS HE'S DEAD]

BEA

What happened?

[BILLY, PANICKED LOOK TO CONNIE]

<u>ESTHER</u>

He's not moving! Why isn't he moving?

BEA

Billy?

[BILLY GOES TO SAY SOMETHING, BUT...]

CONNIE

It was my fault...I opened the gate and just...caught him.

[BILLY NODS AWKWARDLY...]

<u>ESTHER</u>

Oh, sweetheart...

[WE PULL BACK TO TAKE IN THE SCENE MOTIONLESS MARTIN. IS HE DEAD?]

EP1/SC20. EXT. MANOR HOUSE. DRIVEWAY. DAY 1. 16:10

ELLEN, JACK

NSE GI SOLDIERS

[ELLEN WAITS, READY TO GO OUT. IDLY SHE WATCHES THE GI SOLDIERS MILL ABOUT. A BELCH OF CIGAR SMOKE AND JACK JOINS HER]

JACK

(OBLIVIOUS) Is this what they call 'taking the air'?

ELLEN

(FANNING SMOKE, POINTED) It was. (RILED) Are you outside for a reason?

JACK

Think I asked first.

ELLEN

No, you didn't.

JACK

Well, apologies if I was being kinda cryptic. (BEAT, A BIG GRIN) Waiting for my car. You?

ELLEN

(INDIGNANT) The same.

[JACK'S CAR PULLS UP DRIVEN BY A GI SOLDIER]

JACK

Wanna save gas and share a ride?

ELLEN

No, thank you. I'm going a different way.

JACK

(ENJOYING THE GAME) Of course. (WHISPER) You should asked which way I was going first for that to work.

[HE WINKS AT HER AND GETS IN HIS CAR. ELLEN, SURPRISED THAT SHE HAS FEELINGS...]

CUT TO:

<u>EP1/SC21. INT. PASTURE FARM. MID LIVING ROOM.</u> <u>DAY 1. 17:30</u>

ESTHER, MARTIN, MORGAN, JOYCE, CONNIE, BILLY, BEA

[A BRIGHT LIGHT SHONE FROM DOCTOR WALLY MORGAN'S TORCH.

MARTIN SQUINTS AS HIS EYES ARE EXAMINED.

EVERYONE WAITING ON TENTERHOOKS]

MORGAN

Could have been a lot worse.

[A GUILTY LOOK BETWEEN BILLY AND CONNIE]

MORGAN

Does he have a headache?

<u>ESTHER</u>

Do you want to try asking him?

[SHE SHOOTS A LOOK AT JOYCE, WHO RAISES HER EYEBROWS. HOPELESS DOCTOR]

MARTIN

(NODS) Hurts a bit. And I'm dizzy.

[DURING THE NEXT, WE SEE MORGAN AND ESTHER – BUT BLURRED – FROM MARTIN'S POV]

CONNIE

He took quite a belt. Didn't he, Billy?

[BILLY NODS UNCOMFORTABLY. BEA HOLDS HIS HAND – COMFORTING HER HUSBAND. CONNIE ROLLS HER EYES]

MORGAN

Should go in a few days. Bit of bed rest and then he'll be playing with his building blocks, tickedy boo, right as rain.

ESTHER

He's not three, you know.

[ESTHER CLOCKS MARTIN TRYING TO FOCUS]

<u>ESTHER</u>

(CONCERNED) Love?

[FROM MARTIN'S POV, HIS VISION CLEAR]

MARTIN

I'm fine.

<u>ESTHER</u>

You go upstairs and lie down then.

JOYCE

I'll take him.

[CONNIE DARTS TO HER FEET]

CONNIE

Save your legs, Joyce. I'll do it.

ESTHER

Don't you think you've done enough? Joyce...

[JOYCE AND MARTIN LEAVE. CONNIE SITS DOWN.

WHEN HER SON IS OUT OF EARSHOT...]

ESTHER

Well?

MORGAN

It's only a little concussion.

ESTHER

Well it seems more than that, surely? He can't remember how it happened for a start...

[A RAISED EYEBROW FROM CONNIE – THAT'S GOOD. BILLY DOESN'T RETURN IT...]

MORGAN

Which one of us is the doctor, Mrs. Reeves? Hmm?

[ESTHER STOPS HERSELF MAKING A COMMENT, BUT CAN'T RESIST A EXPRESSION OF 'WELL..'. MORGAN CLOSES HIS BAG.

ON ESTHER WORRIED ABOUT MARTIN...]

EP1/SC22. INT. PRISON. CORRIDOR. DAY 1. 17:35

ELLEN

NSE PRISON OFFICER

[ELLEN WALKS ALONGSIDE A **NSE PRISON OFFICER.**

SHE LOOKS PENSIVE.

THEY REACH A CLOSED DOOR.

ON ELLEN, BRACING HERSELF]

EP1/SC23. INT. PASTURE FARM. PIG STY. DAY 1. 17:37

FINCH

CHAMBERLAIN

[FINCH OPENS THE STABLE DOOR AND ENTERS WITH A TRAY OF SCRAPS.

HE BENDS TO CHAMBERLAIN.

SOMETHING WRONG]

FINCH

(WORRY) Chamberlain?

[ON FINCH, PANIC...SHAKING HIS HEAD, DISTRAUGHT...

THIS IS BAD...

THE PIG IS STILL]

EP1/SC24. INT. PRISON. ROOM. DAY 1. 17:39

ELLEN, TUCKER

NSE PRISON OFFICER

[ELLEN ENTERS. SHE NODS, HAPPY TO BE LEFT ALONE IN THE ROOM. THE NSE PRISON OFFICER GOES.

A TABLE. WE STAY ON ELLEN'S SIDE]

ELLEN

I understand the case has fallen apart.

[WE REVEAL – ON THE OTHER SIDE – **DENNIS TUCKER**. A SHADOW OF HIS FORMER SELF. ALTHOUGH PLEASED TO SOON BE A FREE MAN, HE IS BURDENED.

HE NODS HUMBLY]

<u>TUCKER</u>

Your Ladyship.

ELLEN

How convenient they can't find the trekker.

TUCKER

That's one of the troubles with them. No fixed abode. And as for Miss Morrell...(I DON'T KNOW)

[ELLEN, A SMALL STING AT THE MENTION OF NANCY'S NAME]

ELLEN

She's also proved to be untraceable...

[TUCKER NODS]

TUCKER

Without anyone to dispute my version of events, there wasn't a case, your ladyship.

ELLEN

Your version?

TUCKER

The truth...of what happened.

[ELLEN EXAMINES HIM]

<u>ELLEN</u>

And you're the only one who knows. The only one who was there in the final moments.

TUCKER

Yes.

[BEAT]

ELLEN

That's why I need to hear you say it.

[A MOMENT, THEN...

TUCKER TELLS THE LIE HE'S BEEN TOUTING FOR MONTHS...]

TUCKER

No. I didn't kill your husband.

[SHE LOOKS HIM IN THE EYE. HE'S UNFLINCHING.

A PAUSE, THEN SHE NODS AND LEAVES.

ON TUCKER, LIVING WITH HIS GUILT...]

CUT TO:

EP1/SC25. INT. PASTURE FARM. MIDDLE LIVING ROOM. DAY 1. 17:55

BILLY, BEA, ESTHER, JOYCE, CONNIE

[ESTHER, BEA, JOYCE. BILLY SHIFTING AWKWARDLY AS CONNIE IS GRILLED]

<u>ESTHER</u>

I don't understand. How could you just knock the gate into him?

CONNIE

What can I say? I'm clumsy.

JOYCE

You must have hit it hard as well.

BEA

And how did you not see him?

CONNIE

(INSISTENT) That's what happened.

[BILLY, A NERVOUS GLANCE TO CONNIE]

<u>ESTHER</u>

I just hope he's alright, that's all.

JOYCE

He will be.

[BILLY TRIES TO DIFFUSE THINGS...]

BILLY

Here, Bea, I worked out the clues. There's still time for us to get over to the tree, you know.

[BEA INDICATES THE DISTRAUGHT ESTHER]

BEA

Let's do it tomorrow eh?

ESTHER

So did you back into it? Or just not see it?

[CONNIE SIGHS – IT'S GOING TO GOING TO BE A LONG EVENING...]

EP1/SC26. EXT. PRISON. DAY 2. 07.00

TUCKER

NSE PRISON OFFICER

[NEW DAY. THE PRISON OFFICER OPENS THE GATE FOR TUCKER.

TUCKER EMERGES INTO THE STREET, HIS FIRST FREEDOM FOR THREE MONTHS.

HESITANTLY, HE STARTS TO WALK AWAY AS THE OFFICER LOCKS UP AGAIN...]

<u>EP1/SC27. INT. PASTURE FARM. MARTIN'S ROOM.</u> DAY 2. 07:10

ESTHER, MARTIN

[BRIGHT LIGHT, A BLURRED IMAGE OF A WOMAN BY A WINDOW.

MARTIN SQUINTS AND HE SEES ESTHER PULLING THE CURTAINS. SHE'S BOUGHT IN A MUG OF TEA. SHE REALISES SOMETHING IS WRONG]

ESTHER

Love?

MARTIN

I'm fine.

<u>ESTHER</u>

Do you remember what happened?

[HE SHAKES HIS HEAD. A PAUSE THEN HE'S HALF-WAY OUT OF BED, INTO HIS CLOTHES...]

<u>ESTHER</u>

Erm, I've told you. You go just as far as the bathroom and back today.

MARTIN

(WHINING) Mum..!

ESTHER

(FIRM) You heard what Doctor Morgan said. Now, drink your tea and read your comic.

[SHE GOES.

ON MARTIN, SLUMPING BACK IN BED, ALREADY FEELING TRAPPED AND MOLLYCODDLED...]

CONTINUOUS TO:

<u>SCENE CUT EP1/SC28. INT. PASTURE FARM. LANDING. DAY</u> <u>2. 07:12</u>

ESTHER, BILLY, CONNIE

[TEARFUL ESTHER LEAVES MARTIN'S ROOM AND GOES DOWNSTAIRS. WE FIND WORRIED BILLY ON THE LANDING. CONNIE COMES OUT THE DORM, CLOCKS HIS WORRY AND FROM THE RETREATING FORM OF ESTHER KNOWS WHAT IT'S ABOUT]

CONNIE

(HUSHED, ANGRY) I've taken the blame. They're all on my back. What more do you want?

[IT'S NO COMFORT FOR BILLY]

BILLY

But what if Martin says something?

CONNIE

There's nothing to tell, is there? It was just a bit of fun and you ran a mile.

BILLY

Bea won't see it like that.

[BILLY, GRABBING AT STRAWS]

BILLY

Maybe I should explain to her?

CONNIE

That's a great idea. And why don't you pack your bags and move into the spare room while you're about it?

[CONNIE, THROWING A LIFE LINE]

<u>CONNIE</u>

And you're forgetting something. (SPELLING IT OUT) He might not have seen.

[SHE LEAVES A THOUGHTFUL BILLY...]

CUT TO:

EP1/SC29. EXT. PASTURE FARM. YARD NEAR PIG STY. DAY 2. 07:15

FINCH, BEA

NSE CHAMBERLAIN

[A DISTRESSED FINCH MOPS CHAMBERLAIN'S BROW. BEA ENTERS, WITH A MUG FOR FINCH]

BEA

Did you get any sleep?

[A SHAKE OF THE HEAD. HE TAKES THE TEA]

FINCH

Thanks.

<u>BEA</u>

So how is he?

FINCH

Same. (BEAT) There's been one of his lot in my family since my great grandfather's day. He's the closest thing to a brother Billy's got. I can't lose him, Bea.

BEA

You won't.

FINCH

He may be just a pig to you...

[A CONSOLING HAND ON HIS SHOULDER...BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH]

FINCH

Someone poisoned him.

BEA

(IT'S CRAZY TALK) Come on...

FINCH

I know what I know.

[BEA TAKES THE HINT AND GOES. ON FINCH, WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE...]

<u>SCENE CUT EP1/SC30. INT. MANOR HOUSE. DRAWING ROOM.</u> <u>DAY 2. 14:15</u>

ELLEN, DIANA

[THE TABLE LAID FOR TEA. THROUGHOUT, ELLEN FIXES SOME LAST THINGS ON THE TABLE AS DIANA ENTERS, FULL OF ANTICIPATION]

DIANA

He is such an intriguing man.

ELLEN

(FOLDING A NAPKIN) It's a shame you don't find your own husband as intriguing. No wonder he keeps throwing you out.

DIANA

(WAVING IT AWAY) So how rich do you think Jack is?

ELLEN

(ARRANGING THE PLATE OF FOOD) (SHAKES HEAD) If you must flaunt yourself, I'd rather you didn't do it at the table. Also please don't discuss family matters. And while we're at it, we don't need your frivolous views on the war effort. Hitler is not a better dressed leader than Churchill.

DIANA

That probably only leaves the weather.

ELLEN

(ADMIRING HER WORK) Then so be it.

DIANA

Don't worry, I'm sure he'll soon realise where the cold front is coming from.

[DIANA GOES. ON LONG-SUFFERING ELLEN...]

CUT TO:

EP1/SC31. EXT. BIG TREE. DAY 2. 15:00

BILLY, BEA

[BENEATH THE BIG TREE, BEA ARRANGES HER SOMEWHAT LESS IMPRESSIVE SPREAD OF FOOD.

...BEA IN CONNIE'S DRESS SURROUNED BY A PICNIC. SHE HAS LOST THE FRUMPINESS OF THE LAST FEW MONTHS – REPLACED AGAIN BY HER PREVIOUS BRIGHTNESS AND VIVACITY. SHE LOOKS FANTASTIC.

BILLY ARRIVES IN HIS HOME GUARD UNIFORM, A LITTLE UNEASY]

BEA

You look smart.

BILLY

I was going to say the same. Have you used all the coupons?

BEA

It's Connie's. What do you think?

[BILLY NODS TERSELY. DESPITE THE LACK OF COMPLIMENT, BEA SOLDIERS ON...]

BEA

So...nice to be alone for a bit, eh?

BILLY

(NODS, THEN SORRY) We've been called in for the night shift. A Jerry plane came down near Condover. We've got to search for survivors.

BEA

(SIGHS) There goes my plan.

BILLY What plan?

BEA

You don't need clues for everything, do you?

[BILLY REALISES AND GRINS. BEA SMILES]

EP1/SC32. INT. MANOR HOUSE. DRAWING ROOM. DAY 2. 15:05

ELLEN, DIANA, JACK

[MILK POURS INTO A CHINA CUP AS ELLEN PLAYS HOSTESS TO JACK AND DIANA]

ELLEN

And it's been awfully warm for this time of year, wouldn't you agree?

[DIANA ROLLS HER EYES. THE WEATHER!]

DIANA

How would Jack know? He's only just stepped off the plane.

[ELLEN SHOOTS HER A LOOK. THE RULES!]

JACK

Actually, I'm familiar with your weather. I've been hopping back and forth for a while now.

DIANA

(THOUGHTFUL) So you're here for business?

[JACK GLANCES AT ELLEN. FROM DIANA'S TONE, HE WONDERS WHERE'S THIS GOING?]

ELLEN

My sister loves playing the detective.

JACK

(ANSWERING THE QUESTION) Mostly. Yes.

[HE LOOKS BACK AT ELLEN. SHE LOOKS AWAY.

DIANA, SMUG AT CAPTURING JACK'S ATTENTION. ONE-NIL TO HER...]

DIANA

And you must be very important?

JACK

Must I?

DIANA

Being flown around by the military like that.

JACK

Then yes, I'm very important.

DIANA

And yet you're a civilian.

[JACK SMILES]

JACK

You could just ask why I'm here.

DIANA

And would you tell me?

JACK

You don't know until you try...

ELLEN

(ABRUPT) For goodness sake. Mr. Gillespie. Why are you here?

[JACK APPROVES OF HER DIRECTNESS...

ELLEN SCORES ONE-ALL]

JACK

I'm head of a company. (DELICATELY) We've got a contract to make something that everyone's very excited about.

DIANA

(JOKING) The cocktail shaker!

ELLEN

The proximity fuse.

[JACK IMPRESSED. ELLEN SMUG. 2:1 TO ELLEN]

JACK

It's the most amazing innovation in this whole war.

ELLEN

I understand that it works with radio waves?

[DIANA EXCLUDED. HE PICKS A TEA SPOON, HOLDING IT LIKE A PLUMB WEIGHT]

JACK

Ok, here's your shell. In the old days, it'd hit the target and explode. Not that accurate and minimal damage.

DIANA

Still hurt your head, wouldn't it?

[NO ONE LAUGHS]

JACK

With this, the end of the shell sends out radio waves...and as it approaches the target, the waves bounce back. And when they reach a particular frequency...

ELLEN

There's a big explosion?

[JACK NODS]

DIANA

I do love a big bang, don't you Jack?

[JACK SMILES POLITELY...

ON THE SISTERS LOOKING DAGGERS AT EACH OTHER...]

EP1/SC33. INT. PASTURE FARM. PIG STY. DAY 2. 15:10

FINCH, MORGAN

CHAMBERLAIN

[CLOSE ON MORGAN AS HE ADMINISTERS AN INJECTION.

WE REALISE HE IS INJECTING CHAMBERLAIN.

HE NODS – IT'S DONE – TO FINCH]

MORGAN

Finest tonic known to man.

[FINCH HANDS OVER A WRAPPED UP BOTTLE]

FINCH

Finest gin known to man. Thanks, doc.

[THEY SHAKE HANDS AND LOOK AT CHAMBERLAIN, LAYING ON THE GROUND...]

FINCH

Will he make it?

MORGAN

Trust me, I'm a doctor.

[FINCH NODS, NOT SURE WHETHER TO BELIEVE HIM. MORGAN GOES.

ON FINCH, THE STRUGGLE AHEAD...]

CUT TO:

EP1/SC34. INT. MANOR HOUSE. DRAWING ROOM. DAY 2. 15:15

ELLEN, DIANA, JACK

[THE TEA PARTY CONTINUES...]

JACK

Only place I could find was on the edge of town. And although I booked a double room, I didn't realise I'd be sharing. Place is infested with rodents. Heck they eat more room service than I do!

[DIANA LAUGHS]

ELLEN

Ghastly.

DIANA

You can't stay all the way out there in that flea pit.

JACK

Well, there's nowhere else. And believe me I've tried more doors than Joseph and Mary.

DIANA

Well, there is...another option. Isn't that right, Ellen?

[ELLEN CAN SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING]

ELLEN

You're not serious?

DIANA

The place is crawling with yanks already. What difference will one more make? You'll love it here. (BEAT) Just get my cigarettes.

[SHE GOES, HER WORK DONE]

ELLEN

You'll have to excuse my sister. She was dropped on her head as a child.

JACK

She's one full-on dame, that's for sure...(RE: THE OFFER) I appreciate the offer. And if you're ever in Chicago...

ELLEN

I don't think I'll be travelling anywhere.

JACK

I'm sorry to hear about your husband.

ELLEN

Thank you

[A SILENCE. HE TAKES IN THE ROOM]

JACK

You miss him?

[ELLEN – MOMENTARILY THROWN]

JACK

If it's any consolation. I know what you're going through.

[ELLEN LOOKS AT HIM, PART OF HER DESPERATE TO UNBURDEN HERSELF. BUT SHE CAN'T]

JACK

Maybe I should take up your offer. Stay here. (BEAT) Save a lot of time. It'd mean I could sort out...everything. What do you think?

ELLEN

Well, I suppose we are allies.

[THE MOMENT IS BROKEN BY DIANA ENTERING]

DIANA

What have I missed? Were you talking about me?

EP1/SC35. EXT. BIG TREE. DAY 2. 15:20

BILLY, BEA

[BEA AND BILLY UNDER THE TREE, THE REMNANTS OF THE PICNIC.

SHE'S WEARING HIS HOME GUARD CAP]

<u>BEA</u>

Joyce may have the excitement, but at least I've got you here all the time.

BILLY

Thanks. (BEAT) I think.

BEA

No, I don't know what I'd do. It's one thing dealing with the baby and living under your dad's roof when you're here...but if you went away...

BILLY

I'm not going anywhere.

BEA

You're out searching for Germans tonight...

BILLY

It's one night...and there's no danger. I'm searching for bodies.

[SHE SMILES AT HIM]

BEA

Romantic.

BILLY

I've been taking lessons.

[THEY SMILE AT EACH OTHER. UNTIL BILLY REMEMBERS THAT'S ACTUALLY SORT OF TRUE]

BEA

And you'll come back early if you can?

[BILLY NODS]

BILLY

Where's all this come from, Bea?

BEA

It's not my home, Billy.

[BILLY PERPLEXED]

BEA

I want it to be. I really try. But it's only when you're here I feel...settled. Never feel your dad's happy with us being here.

BILLY

He'd better be. Anyway, we'll get our own place one day. You'll see

[BEA NODS. SOUNDS GOOD]

BEA

Things are alright, aren't they?

[HE NODS. A BRIEF KISS, THEN HE GETS TO HIS FEET, SCOOPING THE CAP OFF HER HEAD]

BILLY

And I'll have that back.

BEA

Tomorrow afternoon in the hayloft. Don't you be late.

[A SALUTE. AND HE SAUNTERS OFF.

ON BEA, ALONE UNDER THE TREE WITH HER THOUGHTS...]

EP1/SC36. INT. MANOR HOUSE. CORRIDOR. DAY 2. 17:00

CONNIE, JOYCE, JACK, ELLEN

[JOYCE WALKS QUICKLY AND IS ANNOYED THAT CONNIE – WEARING HER NEW WLA ISSUE UNIFORM – HAS LAGGED BEHIND.

CONNIE IS TAKING IN THE SPLENDOUR]

JOYCE

Come on, I don't want to miss John.

<u>CONNIE</u>

But this place is beautiful. In the home when I was small, I used to pretend I was a lady in a house like this. All this space. And the quiet...

JOYCE

You were in a children's home?

CONNIE

We can't all have parents, you know.

[CONNIE STOPS TO CHECK HOW SHE LOOKS IN HER UNIFORM]

JOYCE

(IT'S HIT A NERVE) It looks lovely, now come on.

[BUT CONNIE HESITATES TO WATCH JACK AND ELLEN AS THEY APPEAR FROM A SIDE ROOM]

ELLEN

And if you require any laundry, please leave it for Sarah.

JACK

(PRE-OCCUPIED) Swell.

ELLEN

(WHAT'S WRONG) Mr. Gillespie?

JACK

I don't want you to feel obliged. Your sister backing you into a corner over this...

[ELLEN – A SMILE BORDERING ON WARMTH]

ELLEN

As long as you're house trained, I'm sure it'll be fine.

[THEN ELLEN NOTICES CONNIE (AND JOYCE WHO HAS COME BACK TO CHIVVY HER)]

ELLEN

(COMPOSING HERSELF) Ah, Joyce. Could I have a word?

JOYCE

(WORRIED) Yes, your ladyship?

ELLEN

I was going to send a messenger, but you'll save me the trip...

[SHE TAKES JOYCE TO ONE SIDE AND IMPARTS THE NEWS THAT JOHN ISN'T COMING TONIGHT.

JACK AND CONNIE ARE LEFT STARING AT EACH OTHER. HE TAKES A STEP TOWARD HER]

JACK So, are you...a land girl?

<u>CONNIE</u> What gave it away?

JACK Have you been here for long?

<u>CONNIE</u> Long enough to get back ache.

<u>JACK</u>

[IN] Are there just two of you?

CONNIE

Thought you Yanks knew everything.

<u>JACK</u>

(SERIOUS) There's a lot I've got to learn.

[ELLEN APPROACHES. RUN ALONG NOW. CONNIE TAKES THE HINT. FINDING DAZED JOYCE]

JOYCE

John's not coming. Been called away a day early.

CONNIE

You'll see him soon though, eh?

JOYCE

You don't understand. We never got to say goodbye.

[ON JOYCE, WORRY ON HER FACE...]

EP1/SC37. EXT. PASTURE FARM. TRACK. DAY 3. 15:00

CONNIE, BILLY, ULRICH

[A NEW DAY. A WASHING LINE, WITH SOME OF BILLY'S CLOTHES ON THE FAR END.

CONNIE CARRY'S EGGS FROM THE CHICKEN COUP. BILLY COMES OUT OF THE HOUSE JUST WOKEN UP FROM NIGHT SHIFT. CONNIE STOPS AND LIGHTS A FAG]

CONNIE

Afternoon sleepy head

[BILLY NOT AMUSED]

CONNIE

Find anything?

BILLY

Just a burnt out Jerry plane. The Sarge thinks that there were probably no survivors.

CONNIE

That's one bit of good news then.

[CONNIE EXHALES FOR DRAMATIC EFFECT.

BILLY FEARS THE WORST ... WHAT?]

CONNIE

Martin has started to remember. Well, bits of it. He's chirping on about being in the cow shed.

[BILLY LOOKS ALARMED.

BILLY

Have you seen my Dad?

CONNIE

With the pig.

[WATCHING FROM **ULRICH'S** POV (BEHIND A BUSH) WE SEE CONNIE LIFT THE EGGS AND GO INSIDE SHE HASN'T GOT TIME FOR THIS.

ANGST-RIDDEN BILLY HEADS OFF.

ULRICH RUNS TO THE WASHING LINE AND GRABS THE LAST TWO ITEMS – BILLY'S SHIRT AND TROUSERS...

ON THE WASHING LINE, THE PEGS SWINGING...]

EP1/SC38. EXT. PASTURE FARM. STABLE YARD. DAY 3. 15:05

FINCH, MRS GULLIVER, BILLY

CHAMBERLAIN

[FINCH PATS CHAMBERLAIN. BILLY WALKS UP]

BILLY

Is he well enough to compete?

FINCH

Hope he's well enough to win. Otherwise (MIMES CUTTING THROAT)

[BUT HIS FACE FALLS AS MRS. GULLIVER ARRIVES ON BICYCLE WITH THE POST.

SHE HAS ALARM BELLS - WHERE'S FINCH GOING?]

FINCH

I knew I should have got a no trespassing sign.

MRS GULLIVER

Where are you taking that pig?

[BILLY TAKES THE POST FROM HER]

FINCH

Mind your own.

MRS GULLIVER

You can't take him to the Show. He's ill.

FINCH

And what would you know about that, eh?

[BILLY IDLY SIFTS THE POST, WHEN ONE OF THE LETTERS CATCHES HIS EYE]

MRS GULLIVER

Don't know what you're talking about.

FINCH

But you've come a cropper, haven't you?

[SHE GETS ON HER BICYCLE, IN A FOUL TEMPER]

MRS GULLIVER

I'm not through yet.

FINCH

Give it up woman.

MRS GULLIVER

Not letting you cheat people out of food. Stealing from others, this is, in a time of need. If those judges knew he didn't officially exist, they wouldn't let him enter...

[SHE RIDES OFF. FINCH TRIES TO COMPUTE HER NEXT MOVE. HE LOOKS TO BILLY FOR SUPPORT...

BUT BILLY IS LOOKING AT AN ENVELOPE]

BILLY

What?

FINCH

(BRAINWAVE) No time to lose. Got to get there before she does!

[FINCH MOVES FAST, TOWARD HIS TRUCK, CHIVVYING THE PIG WITH A STICK TO GET INSIDE. FINCH STARTS UP THE ENGINE.

BILLY STANDS STUNNED. HE GLANCES AT THE LETTER (UNSEEN).

ON BILLY LOOKING LIKE HE'S BEEN PUNCHED IN THE STOMACH]

EP1/SC39. INT. PASTURE FARM. HAYLOFT. DAY 3. 15:30

BEA

[SEDUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE. <u>SOFT MUSIC</u> FROM A WIND-UP GRAMOPHONE.

BEA LAYS DOWN A RUG ON THE HAY.

SHE DABS SOME PERFUME BEHIND HER EARS, AND STASHES THE BOTTLE.

THEN SHE ARRANGES HERSELF ON THE RUG.

ON BEA, WAITING WITH A SMILE...]

<u>EP1/SC40. INT. PASTURE FARM. MARTIN'S ROOM.</u> DAY 3. 15:50

ESTHER, MARTIN

[A BATTERED TIN BOX, OPENED LOVINGLY. PHOTOGRAPHS AND LETTERS. MARTIN TAKES ONE OUT.

HIS POV: BLURRED WRITING ON THE LETTER.

ESTHER BRINGING TEA, AT THE DOOR SPOTS MARTIN TRYING TO FOCUS ON THE LETTER. SUSPICIOUS, SHE ENTERS. (HE'S IN BED)]

ESTHER

Is that one of your dad's?

[MARTIN NODS. ESTHER – A BITTERSWEET SMILE]

ESTHER

We'll have to write and tell him about your little accident, won't we? (BARELY HIDING HER FOREBODING) Why don't you read it to me, eh?

[HE OFFERS THE LETTER TO HER]

ESTHER

You do it.

[HE TRIES TO FOCUS ON THE PAPER. ESTHER GENTLY TAKES IT]

<u>ESTHER</u>

Why didn't you tell me?

[MARTIN LOOKS AWAY – SHAKES HIS HEAD – HE COULDN'T.

ESTHER HUGS HIM. WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER BOY?]

EP1/SC41. INT. COUNTY SHOW. TENT. DAY 3. 16:00

FINCH, BILLY

NSE VILLAGERS, NSE OFFICIAL, CHAMBERLAIN

[PASSING A TRESTLE TABLE OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES, FINCH GUIDES CHAMBERLAIN (WITH A STICK) TOWARD A SMALL ANIMAL PEN DECORATED WITH BUNTING.

HE SHAKES HANDS WITH THE NSE OFFICIAL]

FINCH

Chamberlain. Pasture Farm.

[THE OFFICIAL CHECKS THE NAME OFF AND OPENS THE PEN SO THAT THE PIG CAN GO INSIDE.

FINCH STEPS AWAY FROM CHAMBERLAIN, LIKE A PROUD AND NERVOUS FATHER AT A PRIZE GIVING...

FINCH, CROSSING HIS FINGERS AND SMILING AT CHAMBERLAIN. GO ON, BOY!...

IN THE B/G, WE FIND TROUBLED BILLY ENTERING THE TENT. HE HEADS STRAIGHT TO THE BEER STALL AND ASKS FOR A DRINK...]

EP1/SC42. INT. PASTURE FARM. HAYLOFT. DAY 3. 16:40

BEA

[THE GRAMOPHONE MUSIC REACHES THE END...

THE NEEDLE STICKS FOR A MOMENT...

SCRATCH, SCRATCH...

BEA, LOOKING FED UP, PULLS THE NEEDLE AWAY FROM THE RECORD.

IT'S EVIDENT THAT SHE'S BEEN WAITING A LONG, LONG TIME FOR BILLY.

PISSED OFF, SHE SIGHS AND...

STARTS TO GATHER HER THINGS...]

EP1/SC43. INT. CHURCH HALL. OFFICE. DAY 3. 16:45

MRS GULLIVER

[MRS. GULLIVER IN HER COAT, GRABS FINCH'S INVENTORY AND CHECKS THE DETAILS ...]

MRS GULLIVER

(MUTTERS) ... Check the details...

[BCU: ON THE INVENTORY SHEET...

...'LARGE WHITE, LANDRACE CROSS'...]

MRS GULLIVER

(READING) Large white, Landrace cross...

[...'5'... (NO YEAR ON THE DATE PLEASE – BUT OTHER BREEDS OF PIG, ALL WITH ZEROES)]

MRS GULLIVER

(AS SHE SUSPECTED) Perfect...

[THEN, AN AFTERTHOUGHT – SHE OPENS THE PARISH LEDGER BOOK... LOOKING WITH HER BIG MAGNIFYING GLASS]

MRS GULLIVER

...Now, Parish records...

[SHE SCANS THE PAGES]

MRS GULLIVER

...Back...back...Pasture Farm...Swine...Ah-a.

[...SHE FINDS THE CORRESPONDING ENTRY.

...<u>BCU</u>, WE SEE...

...5 LARGE WHITE, LANDRACE CROSS'...]

MRS GULLIVER

Five large white...

[...1 LARGE WHITE, LANDRACE CROSS']

MRS GULLIVER

One large white...

[...(<u>BCU</u>) 'STILL BORN'.

SHE STOPS IN HER TRACKS]

MRS GULLIVER Well, well, well..

[ON MRS. GULLIVER, GRINNING IN TRIUMPH...]

EP1/SC44. EXT. FIELDS. DAY 3. 16:48

NSE DEAD GERMAN, ULRICH

[IN THE LATE AFTERNOON SUN, A **NSE DEAD GERMAN** HANGING IN THE TREE, HIS NECK BROKEN IN THE FALL – HIS PARACHUTE SNAGGED IN THE BRANCHES. HIS FEET SWING SILENTLY BACK AND FORWARD IN THE BREEZE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SOFT CREEK OF THE BRANCHES.

ULRICH WHO STOLE BILLY'S CLOTHES (<u>AND IS</u> <u>NOW WEARING THEM</u>), STANDS – BACK TO US – LOOKING AT THE DEAD MAN.

HE PRODUCES A KNIFE.

START OF MONTAGE:

...A PARACHUTE ROPE IS CUT...

...ULRICH TAKES THE WEIGHT OF THE DEAD MAN OVER HIS SHOULDER...

... DEAD MAN'S POCKETS BEING SEARCHED...

...A SPADE HITTING THE EARTH...

...AS THE BURIAL FINISHES, WE SEE FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT THE DEAD MAN WAS GERMAN – AS A LUFTWAFFE SYMBOL IS COVERED BY SOIL...

... ULRICH WIPES HIS BROW...

END OF MONTAGE]

SCENE CUT: EP1/SC45. INT. COUNTY SHOW. TENT. DAY 3. 17:30

MORGAN, FINCH, MRS GULLIVER, BILLY

NSE VILLAGERS, NSE OFFICIAL, CHAMBERLAIN, PIGS X2

[THE NSE OFFICIAL CONFERS WITH SOME OTHER NSE VILLAGERS AND THE HEAD JUDGE (WARDROBE NOTE: WEARING A FACE-OBSCURING SUMMER HAT) AROUND THE PIG PEN.

THREE PIGS – INCLUDING CHAMBERLAIN – FINCH REALLY NERVOUS]

FINCH

Come on.

[THE OFFICIAL TALKS TO THE HEAD JUDGE.

BILLY STAGGERS OVER AND TAPS HIS DAD ON THE SHOULDER]

FINCH

What are you doing here?

BILLY

Need to ... talk.

FINCH

Can't it wait son? (TO CHAMBERLAIN) Come on, you can do it.

[BILLY WANDERS OFF. WE MOVE AROUND FINCH'S HEAD, TO REVEAL...MRS. GULLIVER STANDING BESIDE HIM. FINCH STARTS]

MRS GULLIVER

Looks like I'm just in time.

FINCH

That's what you get travelling by broomstick.

MRS GULLIVER

I'll just have a word with the head judge, shall I?

FINCH

Do what you like. You're too late.

[BUT SHE'S OFF, ACROSS THE GRASS, GLIDING UP TO THE OFFICIAL. FINCH RUNS IN PURSUIT]

MRS GULLIVER

Who's in charge?

[THE OFFICIAL INDICATES THE HEAD JUDGE.

AS MRS. GULLIVER DRAWS BREATH, THE HEAD JUDGE TURNS ROUND AND FOR THE FIRST TIME WE REALISE IT IS...

...DOCTOR WALLY MORGAN. HE WINKS AT HER

MRS. GULLIVER'S FACE FALLS]

MORGAN

(IGNORING HER) Now ladies and gentlemen, the moment you've all been waiting for...

[ON MRS. GULLIVER REELING...]

EP1/SC46. INT. PASTURE FARM. KITCHEN. DAY 3. 17:35

CONNIE, JOYCE, BEA, MARTIN

[CONNIE STIRRING A POT OF SOMETHING ON THE TABLE AS JOYCE WAITS]

JOYCE

So did you break things off?

CONNIE

Wouldn't have parted at all if we'd had our way.

[JOYCE IS IN INTRIGUED AND WANTS TO KNOW MORE BUT MARTIN ENTERS]

CONNIE

Are they clean?

[HE SHOWS HIS HANDS AND NODS]

CONNIE

Good lad.

<u>MARTIN</u>

Why can't I go out?

CONNIE

'Cos your mum said. Now get your laughing gear round this...

[AS SHE PLATES UP A FABULOUS STEW, FULL OF MEAT AND DUMPLINGS AND VEG, BEA ENTERS – IN A HUFF – AND SLAMS THE DOOR BEHIND HER]

BEA

(ANNOYED) Anyone seen Billy?

[THEY SHAKE THEIR HEADS.

BEA SLUMPS DOWN, FED UP.

CONNIE PULLS A 'YIKES' FACE TO MARTIN – AND THEN PASSES A PLATE TO JOYCE. JOYCE LOOKS AT IT

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JOYCE

You've used up all the rations in the larder, haven't you?

CONNIE

(SO?) We live on a farm.

[CONNIE PLONKS A PLATE IN FRONT OF MARTIN

THEN GIVES HIM THE PACKET OF GUM THAT SHE TOOK EARLIER]

<u>CONNIE</u> And a little gift for aft

And a little gift for after...

MARTIN

Oh, thanks.

CONNIE

No, it's (BAD AMERICAN) gee thanks.

[SHE PECKS HIM ON THE CHEEK...

HE RECOILS IN THE WAY THAT YOUNG LADS DO...

AND...SUDDENLY, HE REMEMBERS...]

MARTIN

(REVELATION) You kissed Billy ..!

[ON EVERYONE SHOCKED, TAKING THIS IN...]

EP1/SC47. INT. COUNTY SHOW. TENT. DAY 3. 17:38

MORGAN, FINCH, MRS GULLIVER, BILLY, ELLEN

NSE VILLAGERS, NSE OFFICIAL, CHAMBERLAIN, PIGS X2

[THE NSE OFFICIAL CONFERS WITH THE HEAD JUDGE MORGAN AND LADY HOXLEY AROUND THE PIG PEN. THREE PIGS – INCLUDING CHAMBERLAIN – FINCH REALLY NERVOUS. MORGAN CALLS FOR ORDER]

MORGAN

(TO THE CROWD) Settle down. Settle down. And here to announce the winner, the generous lady who allowed us to pitch our tent on her land. Lady Hoxley...

[ELLEN STEPS FORWARD WITH A ROSETTE. BILLY AND FINCH WATCHING, WITH BALEFUL MRS. GULLIVER]

FINCH

Come on lad.

[BILLY SHOOTS A LOOK AT HIS DAD AND TRIES TO GET HIS ATTENTION – FEELING SECOND BEST]

BILLY

Dad

[MRS GULLIVER FLIES IN AND MAKES A BEELINE FOR THE JUDGES BUT SHE'S TOO LATE]

ELLEN

(IT'S BENEATH HER) And the winner is...Chamberlain. Pasture Farm.

[AWKWARDLY SHE HANDS THE ROSETTE TO MORGAN, HAVING NO DESIRE TO GET NEAR THE PIG HERSELF. HE PUTS THE ROSETTE ON THE PIG AND STARTS A ROUND OF APPLAUSE]

MORGAN

Chamberlain!!!

[MRS. GULLIVER SHAKES HER HEAD. ON FINCH WHOOPING WITH JOY...]

EP1/SC48. INT. PASTURE FARM. KITCHEN. DAY 3. 17:40

CONNIE, JOYCE, MARTIN, BEA, ESTHER

[IT'S ALL NEARLY KICKING OFF...

BEA AND CONNIE FACE TO FACE]

<u>BEA</u>

You kissed my husband?

<u>CONNIE</u>

Why would I want to do that?

BEA D'1

Did you, or didn't you?

<u>CONNIE</u> Alright, but it was just a peck!

JOYCE

Come on...

BEA

Keep your filthy hands off him.

[BEA PUSHES CONNIE...]

CONNIE

I was trying to help you.Stupid.

[CONNIE PUSHES BEA]

BEA

Go take a running jump at yourself!

[THEY START TO HAIR PULL AND SCUFFLE]

CONNIE

You're making a big mistake, girl.

[EVENTUALLY, CONNIE – THE STREET FIGHTER – GETS THE UPPER HAND AND PUSHES BEA'S HEAD AGAINST THE TABLE – JUST AS ESTHER ENTERS WITH LAUNDRY. ESTHER INSTANTLY GETS INVOLVED]

ESTHER

Hey. Break it up. Break it up now.

[MARTIN USES THE DISTRACTION TO RUN OUT FROM THE FARM...

JOYCE PULLS BEA BACK. ESTHER PULLS CONNIE AWAY]

ESTHER

Stop it. Unless you want to be digging silage until the end of the war...

[THE TWO OF THEM, HYPED UP – SEPARATE.

BEA BACKS OFF, SAVING ONE LAST WARNING FOR CONNIE...]

BEA

Stay away.

[BEA LEAVES THE ROOM.

CONNIE, A SMALL SNORT OF BRAVADO TO SAVE FACE. ESTHER THROWS DAGGERS AT HER.

CONNIE SITS AND STARTS TO EAT AS JOYCE WATCHES HER IN AMAZEMENT...

THEN, ESTHER REALISES...]

ESTHER

Where's Martin?

EP1/SC49. INT. COUNTY SHOW. TENT. DAY 3. 18:55

MORGAN, FINCH, MRS GULLIVER

NSE VILLAGERS, NSE OFFICIAL, NSE CHAMBERLAIN

[BY THE JUDGING PEN, MORGAN SLUMPED IN A HEAP – AN EMPTY DEMI-JOHN BESIDE HIM.

FINCH STAGGERS TO HIS FEET AND SMILES AT CHAMBERLAIN SITTING NEARBY – HIS WINNER'S ROSETTE IN PLACE]

FINCH

I am so proud of you.

[BOTTLE IN HAND, HE GUIDES THE PIG OUT.

THEN, A DARK FIGURE STEPS IN THEIR WAY. MRS. GULLIVER]

MRS GULLIVER

Not putting him on your inventory...that could just be slap dash book keeping, couldn't it?

[FINCH, SHRUGS. SUPPOSE]

MRS GULLIVER

But actually lying in the Parish records...that'll get you locked up for a good stretch of time...

[FINCH – CAUGHT]

MRS GULLIVER

You said he'd died at birth.

FINCH

It's no big crime...we didn't think he'd make it. Poorly little thing he was. (GIVES UP) What are you going to do?

MRS GULLIVER

It's not what I'm going to do...Its what you're going to do.

[SHE TAKES HIS BOTTLE AND POURS IT AWAY.

...GLUG...]

MRS GULLIVER

(ENJOYING IT) From this day, you will dance to the Lord's tune.

[FINCH – WHAT?]

MRS GULLIVER

No drinking.

[...GLUG...GLUG...

FINCH, ALARMED]

MRS GULLIVER

No gambling. No missing church. No slothfulness.

[FINCH, EVERY PLEASURE DISAPPEARING FROM HIS LIFE, ONE BY ONE]

MRS GULLIVER

From now on, you live a pure life. (BEAT) And you trade so much as a button, I'll send the inventory to the authorities. And you'll be inside and the pig'll be pork chops.

[FINCH, GLANCING DOWN AT HIS PRIZED PIG...

...KNOWING HE COULD LOSE HIM AND SO MUCH MORE BESIDES.

A TENSE MOMENT.

THEN HE NODS. YOU WIN.

MRS. GULLIVER NODS – HANDS HIM THE EMPTY BOTTLE – AND WALKS AWAY]

EP1/SC50. EXT. PASTURE FARM. BACK STEPS. DAY 3. 18:57

ESTHER, CONNIE

[CONNIE SMOKES A FAG. ESTHER APPEARS, WORRIES HEAPED; PENT-UP, READY TO LET RIP]

<u>CONNIE</u>

Did you find him?

[ESTHER SHAKES HER HEAD]

ESTHER

(HOLDING IT TOGETHER) He's ill ... you were supposed to keep him in.

CONNIE

Why's it always my fault? Bea went for me but you don't crib at her.

[ESTHER SHOCKING CONNIE WITH HER ANGER]

ESTHER

She didn't hurt my son and lie about it, did she? Well, you'd better buck your ideas up or you're going to have me to deal with. I've half a mind to send you straight back to London.

[CONNIE – SHAKEN]

CONNIE

(GENUINE FEAR) Please don't do that.

ESTHER

Give me one good reason.

CONNIE

You won't hear another peep out of me.

<u>ESTHER</u>

(SOFTER) Good. We'll start tomorrow with a clean slate. Now, I've got to find my son...

[SHE LEAVES. ON CONNIE, A SCOLDED CHILD...VULNERABLE. A LUCKY ESCAPE...]

<u>EP1/SC51. INT. MANOR HOUSE. DRAWING ROOM.</u> DAY 3. 19:15

ELLEN, JACK

[ELLEN ENTERS, POURS A BRANDY.

SHE IS SURPRISED TO SEE JACK ON HER SOFA.

HE STANDS, SOMBRE, LESS BRUSQUE]

JACK

I could really do with a night cap...

ELLEN

(UNDER HER BREATH) And an invitation...

[SHE HESITATES THEN POURS HIM ONE.

SHE HANDS IT OVER. THEIR FINGERS TOUCH.

BOTH PULL BACK – EMBARRASSED.

THEN TO HER SURPRISE, JACK DOWNS HIS DRINK IN ONE – STEELING HIMSELF FOR SOMETHING]

JACK

I lost my son. My only son. He's all I had.

[JACK STRUGGLES WITH HIS COMPOSURE. ELLEN LOOKS AWKWARD – THE LAST THING SHE WANTS IS TO HAVE TO CONSOLE HIM]

ELLEN

I'm sorry.

JACK

He didn't come back from the battle at Kasserine Pass...

[ELLEN NODS WITH UNDERSTANDING]

JACK

Truth is, I could have sent someone else to deliver the munitions, but I wanted to see Helmstead. See where he was first stationed; breathe the same air, soak it up. The same place. Father and son. Here at separate times. Like different grooves on the same seventy eight.

[ELLEN, TOUCHED...]

ELLEN

If there's anything I can do..?

[JACK BRACES HIMSELF...A DEEP SIGH]

JACK

Maybe...He may have got a local girl pregnant. But I don't know whether she kept the baby or even where she is now.

[ELLEN TAKING IN THE STORY]

JACK

All I know is that at some point she was here. (BEAT) All I know is...she was a land girl...

[ON ELLEN TAKING IN THIS BOMBSHELL...]

<u>EP1/SC52. INT. PASTURE FARM. MIDDLE LIVING ROOM.</u> DAY 3. 19:20

BEA, BILLY

NSE BABY WILLIAM

[THE PRAM – BABY ASLEEP.

BEA SITS, STARING NUMBLY.

BILLY ENTERS, UNSTEADILY (WORSE FOR WEAR). HIS LETTER IN HIS HAND]

BILLY

Bea? There's something I need to tell you.

BEA

I already know.

[BILLY, CONFUSED. THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.

BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE LONG TO STAY CONFUSED...]

BEA

Where do you want to start? The fact you lied to me? Lied to Esther? Or that your head can be turned by any woman who isn't me?

[SHE GOES. THE BABY STARTS CRYING.

ON BILLY, WHAT HAVE I DONE? HE PUTS THE LETTER IN HIS POCKET]

EP1/SC52A. EXT. PASTURE FARM. YARD. DAY 3. 19:25

ESTHER

[ESTHER, WORRIED, LOOKING INTO THE DUSKY EVENING FIELDS, DESPERATE TO KNOW WHERE HER SON IS...]

ESTHER

(CALLING) Martin? Martin? Where are you?

[ON ESTHER, WORRIED...]

EP1/SC53. INT. DERELICT COTTAGE. DAY 3. 19:30

MARTIN, ULRICH

[A FEW OF MARTIN'S THINGS – A TOY PLANE, A COMIC...THIS IS MARTIN'S BOLT HOLE. HIS DEN.

MARTIN ENTERS AND SITS DOWN, TAKING SOMETHING FROM HIS POCKET.

THE GUM THAT CONNIE GAVE HIM...

THEN A NOISE MAKES HIM TURN. HE LOOKS AROUND BUT CAN'T SEE ANYTHING]

MARTIN

Hello?

[NO REPLY. BUT MARTIN ON EDGE]

MARTIN

Is someone there?

[ULRICH (WEARING BILLY'S CLOTHES) ADVANCES FROM THE GLOOM.

A HAND GRABS HIS SHOULDER MARTIN TURNS, TERROR RISING...

HOOK ONE]

EP1/SC54. INT. MANOR HOUSE. CORRIDOR. DAY 3. 19:35

ELLEN, JACK, GARWOOD

[AS ELLEN CLOSES THE DOOR OF THE DRAWING ROOM, SHE HEARS VOICES IN THE CORRIDOR.

TURNING TO LOOK, SHE SEES GARWOOD AND JACK IN A CONSPIRATORIAL HUDDLE...]

GARWOOD

According to our source, the fight concerned a local girl.

JACK

Does your 'source' know who she is?

GARWOOD

He's not the most reliable...(EXPLAINING) Drink problem.

[JACK'S FACE SETS STERNLY]

JACK

At the moment, that drunk is the only lead I've got. So you lean on him. Find out if he knows something or whether he's just angling for a free drink. Do whatever it takes. Do you understand?

[JACK STRIDES OFF. GARWOOD GOES THE OTHER WAY.

ON ELLEN, SHOCK AT THE CHANGE IN JACK ...

HOOK TWO]

CUT TO:

EP1/SC55. EXT. PASTURE FARM. STABLE YARD. DAY 3. 19:40

FINCH, BILLY

[FINCH LEANS ON THE FENCE, ROSETTE ON HIS JACKET HAVING A DRINK, BILLY APPROACHES FROM THE HOUSE]

FINCH

(SPOTTING BILLY) He only went and won!

BILLY

Good to know your priorities. He's obviously ahead of me in the pecking order.

<u>FINCH</u> Don't be daft.

BILLY

I tried to talk to you earlier, but you didn't have time.

FINCH

I had things on me mind.

BILLY

That makes two of us.

[HE STARTS TO WALK AWAY]

FINCH

Tell me now then.

[BILLY LOOKS ROUND, TEARS IN HIS EYES]

FINCH

(CONCERN) Son?

[BILLY STUFFS A LETTER INTO HIS DAD'S HAND]

BILLY

I've got my papers today. I've been called up...

[ON FINCH AND BILLY – FATHER AND SON SOON TO BE TORN APART...]

[HOOK THREE]

END OF EPISODE