

DAY 63
DEC 18 (R)

VWS.

MS BARLEY

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DAY 61
DEC 15

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RUSSELL

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CS BARLEY

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RUSSELL

Mr Blair. You have all the attributes - generosity, grit, courtesy, sangfroid, saxophone and reckless folly, so what the fuck takes you to Russia every five minutes, Mr. Blair? Are you buying property there?

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CS RUSSELL

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The question is pleasantly put and on the word "takes" we see where we are.

CUT TO:

137 INT. THE ISLAND HOUSE DAY

A bit comfortable room with big windows looking at the sea.

On a hard chair, sits BARLEY. NED and CLIVE are in the spectators' seats. RUSSELL is on his feet.

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LA CS BARLEY

NED

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CLIVE

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BARLEY
That's a fair question.

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RUSSELL
Fuck whether it's a fair question. Just tell us the answer.

BARLEY
I love the place.

He has not meant to be provocative but RUSSELL looks slapped

742 CS RUSSELL GOING IN
BARLEY (CONT'D)

It draws me, ~~me~~. It's such a shambles, they try so hard, from so far back, and the poor buggers want to be like us. They have this huge heart, and huge ignorance, and they always keep their word.

GOES TO
COFFEE
MACHINE

RUSSELL

Acorns. They gather acorns and make coffee out of them. That's what they do out here. Mr Blair, we are buying a Picasso, okay? You don't mind an occasional metaphor do you?

MCS
RUSSELL

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NED

BARLEY

No, I don't mind. NOT AT ALL

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