

NOTES: Princess Margaret has fallen in love with a prominent royal servant and the news is causing a media fuss in Britian. Queen Elizabeth has been advised to separate Margaret and her lover as it is distracting the public from the work of the Monarchy. Queen Elizabeth wants to support her sisters love but she is rendered choiceless for the sake of the monarchy.

EXT. LAVISH ROYAL GARDENS - DAY

PRINCESS MARGARET storms outside, distressed. Her sister QUEEN ELIZABETH follows her.

QUEEN ELIZABETH
Margaret. No. Margaret.

The Queen catches up to Margaret.

QUEEN ELIZABETH (CONT'D)
It's just until your 25th birthday.
Then, you would be free to do as
you wish.

PRINCESS MARGARET
Look me in the eye and tell me.
Is it a posting or is it a
banishment?

QUEEN ELIZABETH
It's a posting. I promise. It's
just a way of managing the story,
keeping it off the front pages.

PRINCESS MARGARET
Not a heartless attempt to split
us up?

QUEEN ELIZABETH
No, of course not. Papa did the
same for Phillip and me. He made
us wait.

PRINCESS MARGARET
For three months. This is for
two years. Think of it. Two
years. Why did you even dangle
our holiday in Scotland under my
nose?

QUEEN ELIZABETH
Sorry.

This is extremely difficult for the Queen. Margaret is silent, deep in thought. Elizabeth tries to hold her sister's hand but Margaret refuses.

PRINCESS MARGARET
All right.
(MORE)

PRINCESS MARGARET (CONT'D)

If I do this for you, will you
promise me that this banishment--

QUEEN ELIZABETH

Posting.

PRINCESS MARGARET

This banishment won't start until
after our trip to Rhodesia? You
know how much we've been looking
forward to it.

There is a deep look of concern on Elizabeth's face.
Margaret can only smile at how unfortunate her love is
becoming.

PRINCESS MARGARET (CONT'D)

You're going to deny us that as
well?

QUEEN ELIZABETH

It's the sensitivity of you two
together. The photographers. It
would overshadow everything.

Elizabeth gets close to Margaret but Margaret recoils.

QUEEN ELIZABETH (CONT'D)

But when you get back, you'll
have some time together. Alone.
I promise you that.