

Elizabeth Anderson (Dana Murphy) / Whitesheets

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What we sorely lack, at the moment, is capital and protection from a major international power, and I hope that you and the English opium dealers you're associated with may be able to provide such a thing. To show that I am in earnest, I have given Lord Blackwell a package of diamonds and a third of the new Company's shares to hide aboard the ship, and have instructed him to negotiate a price with you and any other competitors. The one that can promise me the capital we require, and the security needed for such an operation may have the shares, which will soon be worth much more than the accompanying gems, if we succeed in our plans.

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Daniel Cole (Justin Lai) / Whitesheets

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