

Trump visit to U.K. inspires yearning for a 'Love Actually' moment

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How should Prime Minister Theresa May of Britain respond to President Donald Trump's interview undercutting her position on Brexit, just as she hosts him for a visit?

According to many Twitter users Friday, there was only one option: to channel actor Hugh Grant, specifically his performance in the romantic comedy "Love Actually."

In the film, Grant plays a British prime minister who hosts a lecherous U.S. president played by Billy Bob Thornton, and who finally snaps. At a news conference, he is asked about the "special relationship" between Britain and the United States.

"I fear that this has become a bad relationship — a relationship based on the president taking exactly what he wants and casually ignoring all those things that really matter to, um, Britain, " he says in the movie.

"We may be a small country, but we're a great one too, " he adds, to a soundtrack of soaring strings. "A friend who bullies us is no longer a friend. And since bullies only respond to strength, from now onward I should be prepared to be much stronger. And the president should be prepared for that."

May, who hosted Trump at a dinner Thursday and was meeting with him at the country estate Chequers on Friday, showed no sign of planning a confrontation. But at least one prominent supporter of the opposition leader, Jeremy Corbyn, said that he would have done so: "If we'd elected Jeremy Corbyn last year, we'd be getting our Love Actually moment right now, " Kerry-Anne Mendoza wrote on Twitter. "Instead, Trump baby is getting his ego fondled by Theresa the Appeaser. We may get a do-over soon. Don't make the same mistake twice Britain."

Summary: