

QUEEN OLIVIA SIDES

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****Please tape with a Cockney English accent****

INT. ROYAL QUARTERS - NIGHT

START
Scene

Queen Olivia closes the book, smiling as she's just finished reading the very last page. She gathers the layers of her skirt and stands, Gaya moving in to help her.

QUEEN

Let's go. I want to rest.

Gaya bows, going to prepare Her Majesty's bath. As Olivia gets up she notices KING CHARLES standing in their doorway, a piece of paper in his hand.

QUEEN OLIVIA

(bowing urgently)

Your Majesty.

KING CHARLES

Where is your servant?

QUEEN OLIVIA

In the bathroom--

KING CHARLES

Tell her to leave the room
immediately.

He says in a tone she can't decipher. Olivia retrieves Gaya and tells her to leave the room. Gaya leaves and Olivia shuts the door. Charles immediately confronts her:

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KING CHARLES (CONT'D)

What is this? he asks her, his tone firm.

Raising the piece of paper into view. Olivia looks at it.

QUEEN OLIVIA

A letter? I don't know, Charles, how could I? I've never seen that seal before.

KING CHARLES

Oh, you haven't? Well that's ironic. Because this is the one thing you will know better than all other things until the end of your life.

QUEEN OLIVIA

W-What? Charles... what is that?

By this time, Charles is inches from her. He looks down at her his face appearing dark as the light behind him creates the shadow on her face.

KING CHARLES

Why did you help them?
(a beat of silence)
Why would you defy me?

QUEEN OLIVIA

Charles.

Charles grabs her neck in his hand and chokes her.

KING CHARLES

Were you trying to be noble? Were you trying to do something good?

QUEEN OLIVIA

(running out of air)
Charles... stop... pl...please...

KING CHARLES

When I let go of your neck. I let go of your life."

He releases her and immediately yells:

KING CHARLES (CONT'D)

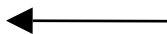
Guards! Take the Queen. She's committed an act of treason.

QUEEN OLIVIA
Charles, please!

Olivia says, sobbing as the soldiers grab her.

QUEEN OLIVIA (CONT'D)
I'm innocent. I've done nothing
wrong! Charles! Your Majesty! Your
Majesty! I'm innocent! I haven't
done anything wrong!"

Screaming until her broken voice disappears.



END
Scene