

TEASER

EXT. LONDON - DAY

Buckingham Palace. Grand. Regal. Expensive. The centerpiece of an expansive view of this great city.

WOMAN'S VOICE (V.O.)
London. The biggest city in the world.

Over the palace and onto the streets of affluent Belgravia it becomes clear this is Victorian London...

WOMAN'S VOICE (V.O.)
The capital of an Empire.

Past a WEALTHY FAMILY enjoying a picnic in one of the private parks...

WOMAN'S VOICE (V.O.)
A beacon of civilized behavior and progressive living.

And onto the pavement outside a:

EXT. GRAND HOUSE, BELGRAVIA - CONTINUOUS

DIAMOND ALICE, 47, dressed in lower-class raggedy cloak and hat, steps out of a carriage and squints up at the front door.

This is our narrator.

DIAMOND ALICE (V.O.)
Or at least, that's what they'd all have you think.

She looks at the grand front door in front of her. MR. DINGLEY, the steward, 60s and mean, stands guard as FOUR OTHER WOMEN of varying ages and dressed like Alice enter the front door. They each carry a basket.

Alice approaches the door and looks Dingley in the eye. He literally looks down his nose at her.

DIAMOND ALICE (V.O.)
Take this one for example. Mr. Dingley. Loyal steward to the Suttons for thirty years.

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