

Parliament Square

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Mandiba's Memorial.

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1 EXT. PARLIAMENT SQUARE - DAY

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It's a glorious sunny day in Parliament Square as Big Ben chimes the hour while a new bronze statue of the late freedom fighter and ex-South African President - NELSON MANDELA (aka Mandiba) is mounted onto a plinth.

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL (aka Winnie) stands in his long black overcoat and cane t'boot. He looks down from his own plinth and snarls at the newbie statue as it stands proudly in its rightful place upon the south-west side of the square.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN (aka Abe) shows his interest as he climbs up from his seat and draws himself a smirk, before he offers a friendly wave towards the newbie statue.

Winnie looks across at him and sneers to show his dismay at the memorial now set opposite to Westminster Abbey.

WINNIE

(bellows to Abe)

Who's the newbie?

ABE

(nonchalantly)

Beats me.

Winston draws on his fat cigar and sends a thick cloud of smoke towards Abe which reaches him at great speed.

WINNIE

He's a negro, is he not?

ABE

(chagrined)

So what of it?

WINNIE

(bemoans)

Well, who the hell is he? I've never seen him before. Fascism is dead.

He coughs then sputters on his cigar.

ABE

Beats me.

Winnie pokes his stick in protest.

WINNIE

There aren't any cotton fields in
Lancashire any more.

Abe's disdain, clearly evident as he looks down from his position with a furrowed brow, and his well-trimmed beard that suddenly pricks up like a bush of angry needles.

A cluster of PHOTOGRAPHERS turn in unison to look up and gasp at his outrage.

Nelson Mandela wears a cheeky grin as he twiddles his ring finger.

NELSON MANDELA

(softly to Winnie)

Good afternoon to you, Sir
Winston. It is a beautiful day,
is it not?

WINNIE

(pervicacious)

Is it?

Winnie shifts his head to face the House of Commons before he stiffens.

NELSON MANDELA

(to Abe)

What's up with Sir Winston?

ABE

(shakes head)

Beats me.

Abe stiffens.

NELSON MANDELA

Apartheid is also dead.

Nelson stiffens.

END.