

BLAIR & BROWN

TONY BLAIR IS TALKING TO TESSA JOWELL. ON THE TABLE ARE COFFEE THINGS, INCLUDING TWO PACKETS OF BISCUITS.

TONY: No, Tessa, I simply can't agree.

TESSA: Tony, I'm standing firm on this one. I won't be swayed.

GORDON BROWN ENTERS

GORDON: So, what are you two chatting about?

TESSA: We're-

TONY: Gordon, you may be Chancellor, but there are certain matters I need to discuss with ministers alone. I can't get anything done with you interrupting like this.

GORDON: You can talk in front of me.

TESSA: It wasn't that-

TONY: No, Gordon. I am Prime Minister. Remember that.

GORDON: Fine. I'll leave you to it.

HE STORMS OFF.

TONY: Alright, Tessa. You have my support. Open the Custard Creams.