

Charisma
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INT. NEXT LEVEL OFFICE - DAY

KEIR STARMER and his smartly dressed ADVISER (50s) sit facing each other by a wooden table. A closed, large, plastic case is by the latter's feet. The other furniture in the room is also wooden, expertly carved and extra fancy. Chandeliers hang from the ceiling.

ADVISER

Hello, Mr. Starmer, it is good to see you.

KEIR STARMER

Likewise.

ADVISER

You and I both know you're in a bad situation, so let's cut to the chase. Furthermore, I'll soon be busy teaching guitar to Tony Blair, it's a long story.

KEIR STARMER

I understand.

ADVISER

Look, no one in the country wants you to resign, not deep down anyway. You know what the public is really complaining about?

KEIR STARMER

Me?

ADVISER

Partly you, but guess again.

KEIR STARMER

Should I wear some nicer shoes? Can you buy me some?

ADVISER

You're getting closer, but no.

KEIR STARMER

I don't know, what?

ADVISER

People are saying that none of the UK's leaders have any kind of charisma and that is something you can most definitely work on!

KEIR STARMER

How?

ADVISER
I've got something for you...

The ADVISER opens the case to reveal a small practice amp, a lead and a flying V guitar with a strap attached to it.

ADVISER
Can you play?

KEIR STARMER
No...

ADVISER
Well, let me teach you.

KEIR STARMER
Teach me what in particular?

ADVISER
Some sick licks! Look.

The ADVISER stands up, wears the guitar, plugs it into the amp and plays some power chords.

ADVISER
Shout for me London!

KEIR STARMER
What's going on?

ADVISER
This is how I want you to act,
playing power chords is very easy,
you'll learn in just a few minutes!
Now shout with me... Sing for me
London!

KEIR STARMER
(awkwardly)
Sing for me London...

ADVISER
No, shout it!

KEIR STARMER
(a little louder)
Sing for me London!

ADVISER
Now you're getting it! Now I know
this may make you feel awkward, but I
want you to dress like Freddie
Mercury.

EXT. OUTSIDE NO. 10 - DAY

It's a sunny day. KEIR STARMER, now with a long black hair wig, a stylish mustache and wearing leather clothes, stands in front of a building whilst wearing his guitar. He is next to his small amp and BODYGUARDS are by both his sides.

KEIR STARMER
Hello, England. I know that many of
you have been disappointed by my
leadership. Please accept my deepest,
most sincere apologies and please
will you let me... ROCK OUT!!!!

The PRIME MINISTER plays a power chord.

KEIR STARMER
ARE YOU READY TO ROCK, LONDON????

There is an awkward silence.

KEIR STARMER
I SAID ARE YOU READY TO ROCK???

He plays another power chord and hears some nervous coughs.

KEIR STARMER
Oh, you have got to be joking.

A MAN in the background is heard asking the PM a question.

MAN
What are your plans for the country,
Mr. Starmer?

KEIR STARMER
I told you, for everyone to rock out.

MAN
And that will save the country?

KEIR STARMER
It would make it more fun...

The ADVISER is heard in the background.

ADVISER
Charismatic, too!

MAN
Ok, name me one charismatic policy?

KEIR STARMER
Ok, lower taxes for England, are you
ready to rock??

He plays another power chord. No one responds.

ADVISER
Show him the tapping lick I taught
you!

KEIR STARMER
I can't, it's too technical!

MAN
You're in on this too?

ADVISER
Yes, he's a very fast learner, he'll
be playing Eruption in no time!

Everyone boos.

ADVISER
Tell everyone the joke!

KEIR STARMER
Ok, what do you call the leader of
the numbers 3, 7 and 13?

There is more silence.

KEIR STARMER
The prime number minister!

ADVISER
Good isn't it?

MAN
Resign now!

KEIR STARMER twiddles his fingers.

ADVISER
Tony Blair isn't bad at guitar, you
know? Bring him back?

MAN
This country is a joke, now!

ADVISER
If you didn't like the joke, Keir
Starmar can tell a damn good story,
he really pulls you in! Tell him
about the time you found a Roman
coin!

Everyone boos even louder. TONY BLAIR, also wearing a
guitar, this time a Gibson Explorer, and with a practice amp
strapped to his waist, approaches KEIR STARMER and pushes
him away. MR. BLAIR then performs some epic sweeps.

ADVISER
THAT'S charismatic...

ANOTHER MAN runs to TONY, hits him and runs away.

MAN
Well, Mr. Blair. What are your
policies on dealing with that kind of
crime?

TONY BLAIR
Don't know. Anyway, check this out...

TONY BLAIR combines sweeps with tapping.

MAN
This is pathetic, we're all voting
green!

TONY BLAIR
But the leader of the green party
can't even play Smoke on the Water...

Everyone chants 'Vote for greens!'. Another man takes TONY'S
place and addresses the crowd. He also wears a guitar, this
time a Les Paul.

ANOTHER MAN
Leader of the greens here, thanks for
your support! Now I will play you all
You Really Got Me, by The Kinks!