

Advance Britannia

Feature Script Treatment

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The Logline

'In the not too distant future, where Britain turns to a republic state, the president is a sociopath, who's obsessed with his image, and promotes serial killers fights on live television are a source of home entertainment, a lawyer, his wife, and serial killer behind bars must fight for power, morals and the future of the country.

The Overview

"Advance, Britannia! Long live the cause of freedom! God save the King!". - Famous words of Winston Churchill., spoken on V day, 6th of May, 1945 on the balcony of the Ministry of health building, London.

But a hundred years later, something measurably dramatic will take place. Not a war, but a dark dystopian society that prevails the true face of the public of Great Britain in the city of London 2045.

'Advance Britannia' is a microcosm of the past four years in the west. A take on the not too distant future, where nothing is certain and nobody is to trust. Where advantageous characters use their strengths to climb to the top of society.

Entertainment and unimaginable limits of society get pushed to the evil limit and politics are not a matter of logic, but who looks the best or speaks the best. Who can influence the best. When President Roland Greenwood, from the Fascist Republican party wins the election, it's a whole new era ahead. The UK public voted on the abolishment of the monarchy, which the royal family are extradited out of their own country, tearing down thousands of years of culture. The new sitting government brings back hard on crime punishment, the death penalty. The nation pivots from focusing on social care, to focusing on the economy. It's cruel, difficult to thrive and evilly unsympathetic. The new United Republic of Great Britain is dystopian. Efficiently economical. A working, growing machine of a system.

The Republic includes a brand new live television show, that viewers pay per view to get access of watching; The Britannia games, where convicts fight to death in arenas. Bets with a high number of the population playing can win big on the outcomes. Money for the nation to make, money for the deficit to ease. Society rides the mad wave.

Victor 'The Desister' Harrison, a convict of Strangeways prison, a psychopath serial killer, is a great supporter of President Greenwood, until the president himself nominates The Desister to be a contestant on the Britannia Games. Forming a deep grudge and feeling deeply betrayed, The Desister swears to take vengeance on the president. Making the new purpose of his life, the take over the nation.

If the decade of the 2010's have taught us anything; It's that the Victor of power and control over the Western world is never the most righteous, but the most powerful and skillful, as this story.

The Characters

- **Victor 'The Desister' Harrison**
A serial killer that has been a convict of Strangeways Prison, Manchester for the past 15 years. After being molested by a priest as a child, Victor came back to kill that priest and followed trails to other pedophiles, enjoying murdering all of them, because in his eyes, they are 'vermin pests'. He is patriotically obsessed with president Greenwood and believes that he holds the key to restore the country. After being 'betrayed', this psychotic beliefs make a U-turn, and he gains delusional beliefs that he himself can become the new head of state.
- **President Roland Greenwood**
The man that has used the power of persuasion, much like Trump or Hitler to get into the office. He feeds off the fear of the people and his sociopathic tendencies prove so most of the time. He is the embodiment of the worst thoughts of the public, and plays them out. His only desire is to stay as the president - with the plans of becoming a dictator.
- **James Barron**
Probably the only true 'goodie' in the film, yet not really the main character. An ex-lawyer who has transformed to a low life drunk, unable to take the stress of the new society in the nation. James is disgusted by the new Britain, willing and yearning to shape it back to what it was before. With sympathy in his heart and a good outlook for his fellow citizens, James chucks himself into the danger of The Britannia Games to prove a point - that we don't have to play along with the new norms and we can fight against it.
- **Abbie Barron**
Pregnant with their first child, the tired wife of James Barron. She has her head screwed on and is getting sick of James's philosophical beliefs and the toll his stress is having on the family. But her ideals may be shaped and changed by the end of the story. Her last straw may snap under the weight of the world and we see she can lash out like the rest of us.
- **Vice President: Mr. Collins.**
A snake in the grass. A socialist one too. Mr. Collins comes across as loyal and patriotic but he's just as plastic and self imposed as the rest of the politicians and leaders. Throughout the script, it becomes evident that Collins is trying to use everybody to conspire to take over the government from Greenwood's republic and forge it into a communist state all behind his back. The operator of the coup.

Act 1

The New London

Fog everywhere. Starting in London, President Greenwood says a farewell to the monarchy as they set sail out of the country. The year is 2045.

Later on in the day, president Greenwood is advised by Mr. Collins that the studio for 'The Britannia Games' is ready.

B.T Tower Studios

The next day, Greenwood is shown round the studio where the opening of the Britannia games will take place. Davina O'Niel; The host of the show is ordered to start the show that afternoon.

The T.V show commences - live.

Strangeways Prison

In his cell block 'The Desister' AKA Victor Harrison, is watching the show from a shitty portable television, cheering the president on with the cell decorated in president Greenwood's election memorabilia. This annoys the hell out of the Desister's bunkee cellmate, who's trying to catch up on some sleep.

The Britannia games broadcast commemorates with the live studio audience stoning to death two childhood killers of a young boy.

The Desister watches in awe.

The two convicts burn

President Greenwood welcomes Micheal Newman onto the stage, the father of the young boy that was taken from the two convicts, tied and beaten in front of him. He is offered the chance to set fire to the killers - he declines accepting to do it only alongside the president.

The audience chant 'Born again, our new Britannia' as the convicts are set alight. Burning and screaming on live television.

James in the pub

Grubby nightlife in central London. James Barron is in a quiet pub at night watching the news coverage of the Britannia games that day. Disgusted, angry and drunk, he gets into a fight with a right wing supporter of Greenwood and is kicked out the bar by the owner of the establishment.

Getting a ride from Abbie

With his pregnant wife, Abbie picking him up from the streets, and very annoyed that she has to do it yet again. With the argument from James saying he only gets drunk because he's upset with what happened to the country, he feels helpless.

James gets told by her that he should grow up, stop drinking and do something about it if he's not happy with what's going on.

James takes this seriously and begins to think on how he can act on his opinion.

Act 2

The next day

Back at James and Abbie's house. James is in the bedroom, hiding a banner for a one man protest he plans to do at the next Britannia games broadcast.

Abbie comes up the stairs, asking if James is still coming to the baby preparation group. He says first but first gives Abbie a gift.

Giving her his grandparent's gun, saying just in case she ever needs to use it. She reluctantly accepts. This comes into play later on.

New day for Desister

Rudely awoken, The Desister opens his eyes to Mark and Gerry - two prison officers that tell him to get his belongings together because he's been chosen to be a participant in the Britannia games.

This breaks The Desister's heart - being betrayed by the president, 'chucked into the lion pit'. Before getting dragged out the cell, he puts up a decent fight against the two prison officers.

The sweatbox

Lobbed into the police van, and Gerry and Mark jump in too, The Desister vows to kill president Greenwood, and when both Gerry and Mark laugh at this, he threatens that they won't be around to see Greenwood die.

Manchester Arena

James is sitting in the audience seats of the arena, that's hosting The Britannia games. As Davina is in on the stage, James runs down, jumps past security onto center stage and snatches the microphone.

Speaking up against Greenwood, trying to expose him and turn the people to the way they were before. To restore the country. Greenwood challenges James to enter the games and to fight for what he believes in. James foolishly accepts, now a participant in a dangerous, murderous live show.

1st Game commences

Meanwhile as James is dragged away by police into the cells, The Desister is backstage being held, ready for the first fight. Davina puts the convicts into two teams, each team comprises of two convicts.

The Desister, upon learning his teammate is a pedophile, kills him right at the start. Next he has to take on Milo Santini, a mass shooter and Milo's teammate - Adrian Foster: A millionaire pedophile.

The Desister beats them all.

Desister teaches James

At Belmarsh prison, London, The Desister is quick to save James when he becomes cornered in prison and learns that maybe The Desister can teach him a thing or two.

Visitation at Belmarsh

Abbie comes to visit James with the hopes of persuading him to try and leave legally. James refuses to, determined to fight on for his belief that Britain can go back to the way it was. Abbie storms out, pissed.

Belmarsh exercise field

On their recess, The Desister discusses the mentality James should have. After the one to one James thanks the Desister for saving his life.

Belmarsh rooftop

Late at night James is awoken by The Desister and a prison officer, Desister has persuaded to let them roam around the prison freely. James is taken to the top of the roof, where they see the whole of London at christmas time.

At the same time, a level below them, the prison guard that was on the exercise field is having a cigarette - The Desister tells James to make the guard 'James's first kill', but when James refuses to take out the guard, The Desister pushes him to the roof below.

James is forced to kill the prison guard and The Desister chucks down a makeshift ladder to save James.

The interrogation (montage)

Abbie reads a letter from James, explaining that he messed up in killing the prison guardman, as it turns out that he in fact killed the warden's brother.

The prisoners get interrogated throughout a montage to find out who killed the warden's brother.

The Desdister, after being tortured harshly confesses it was James that killed him.

President Greenwood's orders

A huge controversy is all over the media. A hype with headlines saying James and The Desister were a dangerous duo trying to take down Greenwood as a team. Greenwood orders that at the next Britannia games fight, James and The Desister are to face off with one another to the death.

O2 Arena fight

Thousands turn up to James and The Desister's battle.

Abbie is with her parents, watching the live show, although her mother doesn't want to watch Abbie and her father leave the channel on The Britannia games. Cheering on James.

Davina calls in James and The Desister. After picking their weapons, the fight begins.

Komodo dragons are chucked in the fight

In the middle of James and Desister's fight, three komodo dragons are chucked into the mix, livening up the audience.

The platform on which the two warriors fight lifts up, James is pushed off and kills two komodos, jumping back up to take on The Desister.

James's death

After battling it out on the upper platform and gaining support from the audience, James sadly is struck by The Desister's navaja blades, killing him. His corpse falls off the platform. Back at home, Abbie screams in horror, watching her husband die on live television.

Abbie calls in to the Britannia games

After The Desister is dragged off the stage, and the audience are in shock, Abbie calls in live. Everyone in the audience hears her and even President Greenwood tries to say sorry in a fake tone, watching from the stand in the arena.

Abbie's speech is vile and hateful, showing disgust against the president for bringing this upon her husband. She expresses the consequences that the president's actions will bring upon herself.

She wants revenge. Hangs up. The crowd is shocked.

The Desister is coerced into Mr. Collin's coup

When there's a moment alone, in stage pathway out the fire exit doors, Mr. Collins gives The Desister some paperwork, explains that if The Desister wants to live, he must follow Mr. Collin's plan: A conspiracy to take over Greenwood's government. A professional coup.

Riots outside of o2 arena

The prison officers Mark and Gerry are in charge of bringing The Desister to the Ritz hotel, where he will spend his final night before the next Britannia games fight.

Once outside of the arena, paparazzi, rioters and demonstrators are surrounding The Desister, angry that he was the victor of the games. A co-conspirator woman also clashes with The Desister, giving him some vital information of the conspiracy, before the riots get too mad and The Desister nearly gets shot by an assassin and Gerry and Mark rush him into the car. Driving to the Ritz.

The Ritz hotel, London

The Desister, in his chains and prison uniform is escorted through the Ritz lobby by Mark and Gerry. After a spat from the head of desk, Toby (and a superfan of Desister), kicks out Mark and Gerry from the hotel. The Desister is escorted to his room by hotel security.

Things conspire in room 133

Late at night, The Desister is given all the tools from outside members of the coup. It's time to escape the hotel in a very cunning way. Jumping out of the windows, into the alley.

Mark and Gerry, really won't be around to see it

Mark and Gerry, smoking a cigarette in the hotel alleyway, after being kicked out the Ritz. They spot The Desister, and sticking to his promise - The Desister brutally kills them both in this alleyway.

Desister's ally

After reading the instructions given by the co-conspirators, The Desister gets in a strangers taxi ride that takes them to:

Killing Davina in the B.T Tower

That's right. The Desister is ordered that the only way to stop himself from being killed the next day is to murder Davina O'Niel, who turns out is having an affair with a television producer at the top of the B.T Tower.

The Desister does the job, after hideously murdering Davina's lover and tying Davina to a wheelie chair and smashing her out of the 30th story window, falling to her death. With no surprise the police come immediately. The Desister, 1 man escapes 30 police and futuristic police (Advanced) officers.

The Desister, along with his assailants escape the police

Narrowly and with everybody's pulses running wildly.

Mr. Collins recruits Abbie at her home

With Mr. Collin's plan to take over the government closing in with success, he comes to James and Abbie's home. Abbie is dressed as a widower but Collins offers her a chance of revenge against The Desister and president Greenwood. Inferring she kills them if she just so happened to turn up at the ministry of health building with her gun, that night.

Abbie refuses, feeling tricked and trapped, but gives in to impulse. Avenging James is all she wants. She'll be there.

Act 3

Ministry of health

President Greenwood is preparing for his address of the nation. With crowds outside that were only ever seen that busy once before, at the V day speech of Churchill, 1945. As a dictator, a gun on his desk and beauty therapist do his makeup and nails, shaking incense they mess up.

In comes the painter

Mr. Collins secretly allows access to The Desister into the building. The Desister is ready to kill the president, but first must disguise himself as a portrait painter, in white overalls.

The battle of a Sociopath and the psychopath

In a fit, seconds away from Greenwood shooting his nail therapist, the painter (Desister) comes in with easel and canvas. Stuck in his own reflection, president Greenwood doesn't notice anything.

Outside, Mr. Collins allows the nail therapist to escape and nails planks of wood to the door so there's no way the president can escape. It's just himself and The Desister, trapped inside the lounge.

After beginning to paint the callous president, The Desister creeps up and what transpires from a conversation of two narcissists going absolutely nowhere, into a blood bath with sprays of flesh and blood all over the classy room.

The Desister comes out victorious, cutting off the president's head. Kneeling down and disturbingly carving off Greenwood's face to wear as his own mask. Instead of Greenwood doing the address of the nation, The Desister, wearing the bloody mask, prepares his own speech to the crowd outside.

The Desister's insane speech

From the balcony of the ministry of health, The Desister goes out with the gun and the megaphone. The crowd boo him off, everyone disturbed by the mask. He keeps shouting what a disgusting society they've been tricked into as the police gain on the location. The Desister manages to kill off a few police but then fires his gun into the crowd below, aimlessly.

Abbie's bullseye

In her black dress, Abbie fires James's gun across the street. Hitting The Desister, he falls off the balcony and cracks his bones on the cobbles underneath.

Abbie steps across the street and everyone else runs away from the terror.

Her voice over is victorious but saddened how she is just like everyone else now: cynical. The Desister raises his hand, begs her not to kill him. She fires, point blank at his face.

The end.

