

Notes for "Mr X"

Mr X has absconded with all the funds when he heard of the revolution about to break

1st Scene suggestions - The people surround the palace - "We want the head of Charles - of King Charlie". They smash into the palace doors - and he's gone

[then you see him in a hotel -walking down the boulevard]

They go to the treasury - [xxx] bank

Money's gone

Go to the museum

Everything's stripped bare

Next scene. His arrival at

Then see him arriving Beau Rivage Hotel

We [xxx] trunks [xxx]

[xxx] 35 van loads. They're along the road. Send those to Geneva...Engage the so and so warehouse.

You can't give you the so and so.... King so and so [xxx]

I don't want [xxx] on the ground floor - that's too dangerous. Can't you give me anything on the top floor - no the X sultan is there

they have the nerve to want additional income tax

[xxx] the other side

Plot to [xxx] him back

We Want the Head of Roy

We took him for a sucker

Heads will be rolling

Idea

A jazz revolution

Roll his heads

Possibilities Scenes around

Gambling tables

His problem now - he's got the dough - wants to keep it -
and then what happens

Try to get him back - send a delegate. The revolution is
over. We want you back. We've defeated the enemy.

Bring on 2 or 3 pets. A monkey that raises hell in the hotel and everywhere

Situations

Try to assassinate him

He goes back disguised to start another revolution to throw the other guy off

He has his face lifted. He becomes a communist

He joins a movement

He's homesick. Just wants to go back as a private citizen

Just wants a lodge. He just loves his country

In spite of everything. He goes back in disguise. He misses his home. "If you go back there they'll kill you". But I want to go back....He [xxx] want any part of the [xxx], he's dying of homesickness [xxx] ragalia.

"the moment you go back they'll cut your heart out. But I want to go back I don't care. Oh my little Palace My daffodils.

They try to distract his mind. Get all these women to make a fuss over him

He goes back in disguise - they love him - the moment they find out who he is they want to kill him again. He comes in [xxx] or reforms

Almost do a Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

NOTES

Life is a SONG

That's why opera is so popular

Part of the charity

Music to Hamlet

He has a composer with him

Hamlet in Ragtime

[xxx] comes to him

Hamlet in Ragtime

1. Who knows but this is my fate. Big events lead to small ones. A revolution - the loss of a Kingdom may be the prelude to a simple love affair
2. Who knows this is my fate to have gone through a revolution, the loss of a Kingdom

That voice

- 3 Perhaps this is my fate - who knows? - a revolution - the loss of a kingdom may be the prelude to a simple love affair - big events lead to small ones

Where do we live

Where are the rooms

Yes I want to go to my rooms

This is the hotel M

What floor are we on. I hope

The third floor is the royal suite your majesty

Bit...

Unfortunately

I'm sorrygotten rid of her, this is the best we could do under the circumstances

That's good enough

Had you given us a little more time we could have got rid of her

Who is she

I think [xxx] M P act, a sugar I believe your M. We have to [xxx] but it's the best we could do under the circumstances

Well that's good enough

Hm ... a motion picture actress

Your Maj I think I'd personally better look into the matter
Why

She may be a spy - an assassin

No no I'll look into the matter myself

Your Maj - this could be quite serious

What do you mean

This girl

I Think I'd better look into the matter, I'd better
personally investigate this

No no I'll do it myself

Your Maj ... where is [this woman]

She has the room next to his M

Mr De voodle [xxx]

Where is this woman [xxx] C deVoodle

She has the room next to his M. Monsieur Vander [xxx]
replied [xxx] (an assassin or a spy your M)

This could be most dangerous said Count de Voodle, I think
I'd better investigate

No no don't bother said his M I'll look into the matter
myself

This could be most dangerous - spy

Possibly

But you must M this could be an assassin or a spy

Well we only die once said his majesty as they entered the
royal suite

perhaps I'd better put your M on another floor

She can be rehearsing for a part - tonight we Kill
One tour

We only have to die once

My dear Count - we only have to die once

C? Has a good time with Spy
So this is the way you treat my spies

Dagmar [xxx] Swiss cooking DREISER

Your maj

The papers are in my room
I'll get them
I'll go with you, then we'll go with you

Your M I served you for some years

Now the papers
What papers
They're in my room

walla your majesty ... said the M Vadenschlossen as he
stood at the door to her then into the royal suite
His M turned and extended his hand
Thank you Good Bye [said the King closing the door
abruptly] he said abruptly closing the door in V's face
Mr V had walked hardly 3 paces from the door before Count
Devoodle had ... every document pertaining to His Majesty's
estate

Desk for the papers

What papers

About to explode

I was about to explode

Said Count Devoodle they're in my room

Have we a desk

Desk?

For the papers

What papers

His M turned and was about to explode

Oh Yes said C deVoodle, I left them in my room

He is about to exit

The King [xxx] Wait a minute, I'll go with you!

I've been surrounded by too many traitors these last months
for you to cure me of any suspicion!

2 Alternate scenes - go in and he sees him writing
immediately

HM exits - go in and he sees him

[xxx] to see you alive and well

ha ha we fooled them

Did you carry out my orders

What orders?

My fortune - my securities - where are they?

Don't worry. We got everything out of the country ...It has all been carried out in absolute secrecy

Well where is it

Well we can discuss that later but now I think you ought to see the press. A few [xxx] words from your Majesty and they'll be pre[xxx] to our side, I've already plied them with a few drinks

Greetings your M glad to see you alive
We'll be [xxx] then

[xxx] it is essential that all this must be strictly
confidential and remain an absolute secret
Of course this is strictly confidential and must be kept an
absolute secret

Good

W

glad to see you alive and well - congratulations your
majesty

It was a narrow shave

Well we certainly fooled em

Where are the securities

Don't worry be thankful you got away with your life

I have them at the Bank

Ssh we'll go into that matter later

Did we forget anything

We didn't forget anything did you

Maybe a few knick knacks, I don't think so your Maj. Then

where are my securities

Where is [xxx] 5 carloads

We'll go into those details later

Whose name

But those details later

First I think you'd better see the press, this way

Thank god you're safe
But I've left everything behind
But thank god you're safe

Congratulations your M glad to see you alive

How about my securities
Naturally we couldn't take everything. A lot was left
behind

Where are my securities. How about the securities
All perfectly safe. You [xxx] nothing to worry about

Greetings your Maj, glad to see you alive and well
Did you get my securities. Where are my securities - we did
the best we could
All perfectly safe
I have the ??????
No one knows about this
No, no One

5 copies this is perfectly all right
Now Your Majesty you should relax
Is everything in order
Perfectly

What you need now is a little relaxation you've been under
a terrible strain
The singing
The [xxx]
I'll handle this
Oh I hate to leave you under these circumstances
Oh no I can take care of myself

Are you satisfied?
Perfect
You've been under a terrible strain. What you need now is a
little relaxation
Yes now I feel [xxx] I can relax

There your majesty now you should try and relax

V one more to sign here said his Majesty and the transaction's
complete
There said Count Devoodle
Now that this is over I think you should relax
Don't worry. I will
You've been through a terrible ordeal

Your Maj Said Count de V You've been through a terrible
ordeal - Now that this is all over you should relax

I will....

If I can be of any service to you.

SONG

If I could fall in love
I'd fall in love with you
I'd let all sense/reason

My heart would follow all my dreams

I'd let my heart dictate
I'd let my heart follow my dreams
Id let my heart follow all my dreams

Throw reason to the winds
Follow all my whims
And gamble all my happiness

If I could be sincere
I'd be sincere to you

His M dropped his sp[xxx]
Will get him another

That awful man Emily just insisted he [xxx] come - he
gatecrashed, the King takes to him

King under whose name are

So I hope you will confine your remarks questions to the vital issues, to the essential matter at hand

By taking these things out of the country we are contributing to

King to ask a few questions about my personal future

His country torn apart by the terror and violence of a bloody revolution

G[xxx] there is no reason for smiling. As you know his M has been th

So I hope you'll bear with him in his

Did you get my personal securities out
We did the best we could. Naturally we couldn't get
everything

Is it true your M that you left with all the funds of the treasury. I left with the funds of the treasury

What's that said

....this is a sort of question his Majesty refuses to answer

I left with the funds of the treasury? You may answer that question

What's that All right you may answer the question

His M paused and looked questioningly at his minister. You may answer that question. His maj retorted with a great deal of meaning

Just a moment you may answer that question

I left with my life, I don't know about the funds of the T

Just a moment, interrupted the King, you may answer he said looking sus[xxx] at his minister

Whatever his M did was for the good of the country

How do you figure that out said a laconic reporter

We are safeguarding these funds from the hands of these murderers traitors

In safeguarding these funds we've delivered them from the hands of these murderers traitors

Under whose name are those funds deposited. However legally these funds belong to his majesty

naturally they're in my name as minister of finance on behalf of His Maj

His M's pleasure disposes to have them otherwise. The King reacts. Astonished

I think I'll have them otherwise

Reporter Bravo Bravo Bravo

My personal fortune is that also in your name
Of course it is

How what about the treasures, the art gallery and that carload of [xxx] are they all in your name?

Gentlemen the interview is at an end

You might as well answer that one the king said

I think you can answer that one

Yes they're also in my name (until His M's pleasure is [xxx] to have the otherwise)

I think I'll have them otherwise

Whatever you desire your Majesty. Whenever you wish your majesty.

Good. Yes [xxx] as soon as the interview is over. A slight smile. Said that ingratiatingly

Is it true you arrived with [5 carloads of Art treasures]
all the funds of the Treasury

[xxx] this is a [xxx] question. However [legally these are
his Majesty's personal effects] In s[xxx] them from mens
[xxx] from the hands of red thieves and murderers

Under whose name are the funds of the treasury deposited

As minister of Finances acting on behalf of his M they are
under my name

Oh

Are 5 carloads of art treasures and securities also under
your name?

These things are his M's personal effects and of private
nature. He must refuse to answer

That's all right, you may as well answer

Naturally they're in my name until his Majesty pleases to
d[xxx] to have them otherwise

[xxx]

This question is of a private nature question that his Majesty must refuse to answer

You may answer

Naturally they are in my name

These are his M's personal effects

How about my securities, are they safe

Is everything safe

Yes your Maj

What do you mean your Maj

Come come, my personal effects, the art treasures, my securities

Don't worry, your M. Everything's out of the country. Including your 5 carloads of art treasures

Where are they

We'll address that later

No I'd like to know now

Your M, these things are of the utmost secrecy we can't discuss them right here

There's very little his M can say - what can one say under these circumstances - I hope you will bear with him under these unfortunate circumstances

Never mind the press, let's go upstairs
Your Maj they're in the CL I've already plied them

Very well then, let's go upstairs
First we must [xxx] of the press a few courteous words from you and they'll be on our side I've already plied them with a few drinks
All right but let's hurry up and get it over with!

Did you carry out my orders
Don't worry your M all your securities are safely out of the country

These things are his M personal effects and of a private nature and he refuses to answer
You may answer that one

[then again this is a personal matter that concerns only his M and he must refuse]

that is an impertinent question - which neither his M nor I will answer

You may answer, said the King

[lots of lines crossed out]

The King graciously gestures toward the Press

Gentleman I must refuse to answer

(Keep your mouth shut!!!)

[xxx] Beau Rivage

[xxx] this [xxx]

His Majesty must ignore it but I will answer. In arriving with these funds his Majesty has rendered a great service to the country

Such a sordid and [xxx] question

His majesty must ignore. However I will personally answer that question. On [xxx] with these funds his M has rendered a great service to his country

How do you figure that out?

He has delivered them from the hands of red thieves and murderers. Does that satisfy you

Under whose name are these funds deposited?

About these and the other arrivals 5 carloads of art treasures and securities were they also in your name

These 5 carloads of art treasures and other securities are they also in your name

What are your plans now your Majesty

Both the King and his Prince rose from their seats

The King gestured to the Prince indicating he go first

This way Count...

No no after you your Majesty

No no after you [xxx]

Be voodle left first with his Majesty following

As they enter the lobby of the hotel [xxx]

these five [xxx]

Any other questions

His Majesty's plans

Career business

I intend to start in a new career - I've always been interested in the theatre - the arts

What are your plans now

Well I've always been interested in the Arts, theatre, the opera.

Are you going to build an opera house

No, go into opera

Now that I'm through with officialdom I would like to enter on a career

Any other questions

What are your plans now your Majesty

His M has no future [xxx] plans, he will devote himself and [xxx] his [xxx] of these scoundrels that have taken possession of our native land.

Now that I'm through with the throne I should like to launch on a new career and devote myself to the theatre

Is it true your M that you [xxx] with all the funds of the treasury?

Just ignore that!

Will you continue your question sir. Pointing to the other man

Do you intend to build a theatre here your Majesty

No I intend to act in the theatre!

to act in the theatre that' s unusual for a King isn't it
sir

I've always had the desire. Now that I'm free I intend to
make acting a career

Is it true your M that you [xxx] with all the funds of the
Treasury

I told you once - his M must ignore that question
However I'll answer it. [xxx] Does that satisfy you?

What were you saying?

What kind of parts would you like to play your M
oh anything - comedy - drama - opera

In whose name were these funds of the treasury deposited
That is an imp[xxx]

what are your plans now

I think I'm going to write an opera

Satire on opera

Good idea

Press Int

This is a [xxx] question to ask his M
Very well then I'll ask you
Whatever his M did was in the cause

She sings - from Hollywood - like a film: star of the
silent days

While harmonizing - any interlude - he uses atomizer before
he reaches high note

Picnicking on a grand scale
Dinner at a crazy place

What is freedom. To do as you please.

Liza you know the only time you went to court was the time from ??Sa Ant. To Husl?

Isn't there anyone else besides we Americans going to meet him

(Mrs Vanderbilt) well I met his dear mother, the Princess f..

He could go to the women first

Margaret - who was that king you met in Monte Carlo?

But this one has money. He has enough to buy Texas

How'd he get this money?

Same way you got it my dear, dug it out of the ground. He's in the oil business

KING SHOULD PUT THEM IN THEIR PLACE - WITH WIT etc

He knows all the lingo - he went to Harvard 2 years when he was young - that' s how I got in the oil business

[xxx] he doesn't want any protocol, just the same, you must curtsy my dear said the Hostess

I hope he doesn't keep us standing because I'm dead on my feet right now - says another rotund lady

Me too says Mr Smith, I've been playing 36 holes I've just go trthrough 36 holes, if I don't get a drink I'm going to collapse

This curtsy business is just for the women, isn't it?

No said Harry the Golfer, the men do it. He winks at his friend?. No, Bill, you've got to do it. I'll be damned if I will.

What do you mean. [xxx] will be a personal insult if you don't curtsy to him

How do you do that stuff
Well you do like this (curtsies)

I'll leave that to Lucy!

Dont let em kid you Harry
No use getting me all confused here. Where I come from in Texas nobody

What is this curtsy business anyway
The only time [xxx] did that was in a game/craps

You [xxx] its boys out to give you something to keep us
going to win that strike that's all I want

money

give it to me now
[xxx] got it now
you don't trust me?
I'll give it to you tomorrow

Note for SL When he returns the jewellery to the dowager?
The next day the Dowager wants to meet his nice [xxx]

So you're the king of E[xxx] you own all the tea in China

PARTY

You don't understand. I'm through with the King business. I'm through being a symbol of a nation. I don't want to be responsible for other people. I want to be me - to be free - to live in every light and colour of the spectrum. I have money and the capacity to do it

People who feel that money is a responsibility are misers but I have money, free money to do what I like with. In other words I have power with no strings attached to it.

I have money to do what I like with no responsibility about it

Money free money; with no strings attached or any sense of responsibility about it

I want to be free and I have money, and that's freedom

3 A You can give me something. I can give you nothing

3 B That makes me want to lick your boots

3 C If course I'm different

All right I'll take it. I'm a dirty louse but not for myself, but for the boys to keep on the strike

All right I'll be a dirty louse and take it - on one condition

All right, I've got to lick your boots. I've got to take it. If you'll donate 5000 - so and so - I'll lick your boots and I'll take it. I'll stay with the boys till they all go back to work says the king. Now you're talking like a king. Shaking with his hand enthusiastically

I have money and that's my freedom! To do as like

I have what it takes to be free - no sense of responsibility - [and I also have money - in other words I have power] - and I still have power and that's money!

You must understand Money is a responsibility (but your [xxx] is a responsibility)

That's the attitude of a miser - who either wants more of it or is afraid to spend it. I'm going to have fun with it and deliciously waste it

You know your Majesty, you haven't the money yet
It's all right it's in your name, you'll sign over
You trust me
It's all right it was in front of 50 witnesses, you'll sign over

1. Well as a banker who owns everything isn't your power
everywhere supreme
No greater than yours, your Majesty. I have not the power
your majesty

Hah there is the difference between you and me, your
power's felt, and mine's only seen

You flatter me
I have not the power your Majesty

What can I do for your Mr JP Omnipresent
Omnipresent, what do you mean your M
Well as a banker who owns everything isn't your power [xxx]
supreme
You flatter me your Majesty by putting

Well what can I do for you Mr Omnipresent Omnipotent
What do you mean your Majesty?
Your presence is felt everywhere, your

You got what I can never get. You got all that I want. What

I know said the B [xxx] but it's not my f [xxx] How do you expect me to look upon you. You're not the same, its you that's changed, your King, a multi million

He proves that sem [xxx] can never exist between men that have money and those that don't

How do you expect me to look upon you. You're a king - a multi millionaire - It's you that's changed not me. I'm nobody - got nothing.

That makes no difference to me said the King

But it does to me says the bu[xxx]

A hell of a difference. Your ideas can be big and magnanimous You can think big and generous (next page)

I have to think small about halfpennies

Talk about the beauties of nature and the hunger of the soul - and the inspiration of democracy. And indulge yourself by the beauty and justice of democracy.

Inspired about the beauty of peace and democracy

I have to fight

Struggle if I want to enlarge my soul [xxx] in order to get what I want

You can buy yours. But I have to fight for mine

Well you won't have to [do that] struggle anymore. I'll see to that

Listen if you'll just help the boys until we win this strike that's all I'll want. I'll lick your boots for that

Don't worry any further about the matter, it'll be done

Now you're talking like a King (he grasps his hand and chokes)

You can enlarge your soul with your charity
And indulge yourself in the beauty of peace and democracy

You can think big and be good and generous and enlarge your
soul with the thoughts of beauty and charity and indulge
yourself in the beauty of peace and democracy
But I have to think small

With thoughts/beauty/charity/peace and democracy - but I
have to think small and be mean and hate and fight
You can enlarge your soul

You can think big and enlarge your soul with thoughts of
God beauty charity, of progress, of peace and democracy but
I have to think small

So and so wants you on this night
Tell her I have previous engagements
But I [xxx] - I told her you were free on that night
Well make one

I have what it takes to be free - money

But your money is [xxx]
That's what a miser thinks. He either [xxx] or is [xxx] to
spend it
But I'm going to have fun deliciously [xxx]

That's the difference between you as a banker and me as a monarch. My power is seen and yours felt.

This is the difference between the power of a banker and of a King. Your power is felt and mine is seen

4 What can I do for you Mr Omnipresent

5 What do you mean your Majesty

As a man who has everything, your influence is everywhere
[xxx] every [xxx] you own everything

Your influence is everywhere

1 Mr Mortimer Gipons [Burke][is here] your Majesty

2 Show him in

As a banker your influence is everywhere, that's the difference between you and me. Your power's felt and mine's only seen.