

MAD'S "LATE SHOW" CLICHÉ MOVIE SCRIPT

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THE "SWASHBUCKLER" MOVIE

The people grow more restless each day, my Queen. They say they are being taxed beyond endurance!

Bring this rascal to me at once. I'd like to see for myself who held off de Roquefort's special guards single-handedly... this, what do they call him... this "Golden Hawk!"

Your enemies are not out there, your Highness, but here in your own court! They use their office not for the good of the people, but for personal wealth and gain!

Say the word, your Highness, and I'll pluck the feathers from this "Golden Hawk!"

No, let him speak, Baron. His tongue lacks respect, but his courage must be commended. If only he'd put it to use for the crown rather than against it!

We strike tonight while everyone is at the wedding ceremony of Princess Suzanne. I know a secret tunnel to the palace shown to me by my father when he was Keeper of the Royal Forest for King Waldo!

I'm sorry, my child, but you must go through with this wedding with Count Varnoff. I know the Count is not young, nor thin, nor handsome—but these are the dreams of foolish girls, not Princesses.

Wait, my Queen! Before you sign that marriage certificate! I bring proof of de Roquefort's treachery! From the very beginning he and Count Varnoff have been conspiring against you and your plans to free our people from this slavery they now suffer!

Does the Queen believe the word of this son of a forest keeper or a Baron?

I speak no more, Varnoff! My sword speaks for me! En Garde!

Varnoff and de Roquefort—two of the best swordsmen in Europe! The Golden Hawk is no match for them! We must go to his aid...

Leave him be! I raised the Hawk from when he was a young pup. He'll give them both a lesson in swordplay!

You have won the gratitude of your Queen along with the hearts of her people, Golden Hawk. And if this old woman's eyes prove correct, you have won the heart of Princess Suzanne as well. Certainly you will be able to make her a comfortable bride now that you are Keeper of the Royal Forest!

To serve my Queen is the only reward I ask!

THE END

