

Genesis Avalon: Patriot Season Break Interlude 3 "2018: A Matter of Convenience"

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[Genesis Avalon: Patriot Theme plays]

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[theme music ends]

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[In a quiet cafe not far from the Arthur Manor house, Olivia takes a seat across from Tim at the table]

OLIVIA  
Your Majesty.

TIM  
Olivia! Hello. What a pleasant surprise to see you.

OLIVIA  
Really? Every Tuesday you sit at this table. And every Tuesday I sit across from you. For the last two years. I feel like if you're surprised... you've really not been paying attention.

TIM  
(chuckles) I suppose I walked into that. I was just... indulging in a pleasantry. I guess we have made it a habit, though.

OLIVIA  
Alicia said something about it this morning and I realize we have become... Those people. We're predictable. This really messes with my image.

TIM  
(confused but amused) Your image that you and I engage in frequent outings that could be construed as a companionship?

[Under the next few lines, their phones buzz on the table from texts]

OLIVIA  
You can just call them dates. I've come to grips with the fact that everyone suspects that's what we're doing.

TIM  
Well, I would like to call them dates. Officially.

OLIVIA  
Officially? So we're gonna put an ad in the tabloids?

TIM  
Gods, no! I only meant so we could stop –

[This last text is insistent]

TIM

(argh! Interrupted.) Stop having to ignore texts from every bloody person in our social circle.

[He picks up his phone, reading the text]

TIM

Texting, for example: (clearly reading) "... Timmerz, when are you going to get serious about her already?" (beat) I might need to throw Leo off a building. He's absolutely wrecking my Kingly image.

OLIVIA

Hmmm (trying out the sound of it) "His Royal Highness; King Timmerz." Yeah... Doesn't exactly inspire nobility and a hope to restore the legacy of your lost Kingdom.

TIM

(laughs, then sort of just says it dreamily) Gods, I think I love you.

OLIVIA

(coughs on her coffee) Wow, could you warn me next time you're gonna drop that word?

TIM

No, no, I'm sorry, I know we talked about that. It's only because... you make me laugh and you still somehow make all of this feel... well, Manageable? (clears his throat, tries to be serious) I promise. No more emotional grenades.

OLIVIA

(amused) Okay... I mean, not that I didn't like hearing it, just... still a bit of a shock to the system. Even if I think Jaina is convinced that we've been saying that a lot longer than we have.

TIM

She is?

OLIVIA

Oh, yeah, she thinks we're already pretty serious.

TIM

What does that even mean? "Get serious"?

OLIVIA

(trying not to be nervous, but they haven't talked about the next subject much) Well, I think you and I both know they're implying a physical aspect of the relationship we've not engaged in.

TIM

Well, it's not because I don't want to. I just... you haven't asked and I haven't pushed. Unless you want that to change.

OLIVIA

It's nothing like that, it's just... (sighs) Tim, I'm never gonna... I mean.. it's not... I'm Ace. (beat)  
Asexual –

TIM

Yes, I know. I'm not entirely unfamiliar with the term... And whether that means you never want to sleep with me –

OLIVIA

That is not what I'm saying. What I'm saying is that it's not... I do... love you, even though that word sticks in my mouth, but when you've been around as long as I have... you have a lot of time to figure out what's important. And it turns out, what's important to me is companionship. Doesn't mean we'll never... have sex. Just that it's not going to be a priority and if I don't ask, I need you to at least voice if it's a problem.

TIM

It's not. I wouldn't want you to be with me if you didn't want to be, and as far as I'm concerned, the conversations we have are far more important than my libido. (beat) I know people like Leo or Gabe would be surprised that I'm not crawling the walls, but I'm not. So, if that's what everyone thinks "Serious" means, then I seriously don't care.

OLIVIA

(Scoffs) Well, gee, if you're not worried about sex, then we may as well elope and then you don't have to worry about the guys griping at you to get laid. If we're happy with what we're doing now, (Her phone buzzes, she checks it) I swear to God, Fluffykins, get off my back...

TIM

(as if struck with a bolt of inspiration) Why don't we.

OLIVIA

(sipping her coffee) Mm?

TIM

Get married. Why don't we?

OLIVIA

That's kind of a permanent thing.

TIM

Are you planning to be my temporary romantic partner? We've been doing this for two years and we've been happy. Who's to say it needs to change?

OLIVIA

(long moment of debate) What if you want kids? Tim, I don't think that's ever going to be something I want. And you're gonna get pressure for that from the media, from everyone. You're royalty.

TIM

Everyone else can sod off! I don't need kids, I have this... this monumental task in front of me. We've spent the last two years just making people believe that what happened at Stonehenge

was real, Avalon is real. If I'm truly to be the King of Avalon, it's not because of some bloodline. What King Arthur stood for... it means so much more than that. As it stands... I sort of feel like we're all helping to raise Jack and Alicia. I'm in this weird Uncle role and I don't know how I feel about that. (beat) I think I just hope I'm the cool one.

OLIVIA

(little disbelieving chuckle) You're serious about this.

TIM

Maybe that's what being serious about this really means. And honestly, it would be... a Matter of Convenience.

OLIVIA

Oh, yeah? How do you figure?

TIM

Well, for one thing, we wouldn't have to come up with reasons to come to the café on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

OLIVIA

What you're suggesting is a scandal.

TIM

Well, then, that's how I know you've rubbed off on me. So, what do you say? (Bad American accent) Wanna get Hitched, baby?

OLIVIA

(chuckles) Yeah. What the hell. Let's do it. I gave up my powers for you, I think I can handle having the same last name.

TIM

(scoffs) Yes, because that's what you were worried about. (after a second, as if noticing) Oh, no, What happened?! They've taken the lemon scones off the menu!

OLIVIA

(laughs) That's what you panic about?

TIM

Those... Those scrumptious lemon scones have kept me sustained as much as your conversation! Did I ever tell you that I survived on these for a solid month the year I clerked at the Old Bailey? And the wanker that I clerked under? Oh, he was the worst!

OLIVIA

(Laughing at the story)

[Fade out]

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[Genesis Avalon: Patriot theme plays]

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