

Episode 3: “The Monster Group” Written and Directed by JV Torres

[intro music]

King Asilas: It has become a very dangerous time for me and for America –but I am the only one that knows just how grave the danger really is. Let me begin with disclosing I can be honest with certain people about certain things, but not completely honest with everyone in general. Not even with my wife. And it's not because I wish to deceive people. In truth, there are particular details about me, about the world we live in, about how people are governed that would be so overwhelming, so disheartening that most would be unable to process it. Perhaps this is a crude analogy, but when small children believe in Santa Claus and get excited about Christmas, well, that is a beautiful thing to marvel at as parents. We feel joy in this deception because children are innocent, and we know when they finally learn the truth, they change. Everything changes when we learn the truth. [pause] I certainly changed when I learned the truth about the United States; about who was actually running the country, who chose our leaders in dark halls in secret locations –the secret clubs of mostly men who smoked cigars, drank exotic elixirs and decided the lunacy that overtook our country and ultimately the world. For generations, these people marveled at how their plans directed the people; how their adaptation of reality was largely accepted without question and created the social landscape necessary for their desired malice. But unlike parents who find children's belief in Santa Clause as cute, these diabolical “parents” of society gazed upon their grand manipulation with zealous wickedness. How do I know this? Because I was one of them. The president was right, this whole thing was planned –a long time ago. And I was one of the planners. I was one of the highest-ranking officials of the monster group. They aren't really called the monsters, but I call them that because that's what they are. Most of them are not people like you and I. If people knew who this group was, where they come from and who their leader is...well, let's say Santa is just an anagram. So, you see, in order to do what is right for my people, my human brothers and sisters, I *have* to turn against them –because they deceived me, too. However, they think they are invincible –or at least literally unstoppable. They're not. And I have a plan. I know only one of them is immortal and the rest can die just like you and I. As much as they all about know my weaknesses, I also know theirs. But I have to fight this battle completely alone in the dark. I can only bring in some people sometimes and only to do some things –because no one knows them like I do. And everything has to be perfect or we will all pay a price far worse than what happened to the U.S. My one advantage is they underestimate me...

NEW KINGDOM RADIO THEATRE PRESENTS: THE RISE OF KING ASILAS EPISODE 3: *THE MONSTER GROUP*. BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE JV MYKA PUBLISHING COMPANY. PUBLISHERS OF THE “BLAKE'S SECRET” SHORT READER SERIES FOR BEGINNER ENGLISH LEARNERS AND THE “I WANT TO LEARN ENGLISH” TEXTBOOK. PLEASE VISIT WWW.IWTLE.COM.

[transition music]

Narrator: In spite of King Asilas's inner troubles, most people were oblivious to his conflicts. He was mostly loved by the citizens of America –his image seemed to be everywhere and always with smiles and bright colors. He was a champion for the working class and promoted families staying together –so pictures of the king and his family were a fixture in society both in public and even in people's homes. America became a country with great national pride and also more religious –with much of the population declaring themselves Christian. Of course, people of different faiths and even atheists were protected under the king's laws. People had become richer, too. Poverty was virtually non-existent. So people were generally happy. And if any group or individual openly spoke out against the king or the nation, they were quickly arrested. The king wanted people to feel proud of their country, and proud to be AMERICANS, no matter the cost nor who it put him at odds with.

[transition music]

[door opens and closes –the sound of slamming a notebook on a desk]

Dr. Ezekiel: Your Majesty, I understand you are heading to Washington tomorrow for the annual summer celebrations and to meet with England's King George. I imagine this is simply a matter of public relations, and I'm only mentioning this because at our last couple of sessions, you expressed immense irritability at the very mention of King George. And the more I thought about it, the more concerned I became. Is there something about England's king we should talk about? Perhaps you should have your meeting with him after your address to the people.

King Asilas: I really like this new couch, Dr. Ezekiel. Oh, about King George, I would rather meet him after. He doesn't have to be a threat. Besides, I've had a few conversations with him on the phone. I will say there's something very odd about him, but I don't let him think I feel that way about him. You know, like when people say don't show a dog fear because they can sense it?

Dr. Ezekiel: There have been studies that indicate subtle changes in biological chemistry and vibration emissions that animals are sensitive to, so yes there is some truth to that.

King Asilas: Something in his voice triggers something in me. It's like I know he's hiding something –maybe he's trying to get into my head.

Dr. Ezekiel: Forgive me, sir, but if his goal was to get into your head, he clearly succeeded.

King Asilas: Good point. [pause] But here's the thing, doctor, it's like he's possessed and it's actually a demon speaking to me –not a man. Perhaps that doesn't make much sense, but it does makes me very anxious. Not paranoid or scared, but a feeling similar to what I felt before I engaged the enemy in a gunfight. I realize it isn't the same thing; I-I'm trying to make sense of it.

Dr. Ezekiel: Demons again? Your Majesty, are your night terrors getting worse? I was sure you were making progress and were getting better control.

King Asilas: You don't understand, doctor, it is beyond problematic for me at this point. I find myself not wanting to sleep at all because of these nightmares, night terrors, whatever you want to call them!

Dr. Ezekiel: Sir, let's take a moment to relax our minds. [pause] First, let's stick to the facts. There are no demons chasing after you. These are dreams of buried memories and guilt that manifest themselves as images in your sleep. They can't harm you, they just spook you. You are more aware of them, you can control your thoughts, your words, your moves in those dreams. Don't freeze, fight the *freeze*. Walk towards them, not away from them. [pause] Look, why don't we try this, lay down on my new couch, Your Majesty, put your feet up, close your eyes and sleep for a little while right here. It's the middle of the day. Perhaps sleeping in the daytime might give you a different experience.

King Asilas: Ok, doctor. No demons. Not here at this moment anyway. Say, this is a comfortable couch. And I *am* very, very tired. [slurs] I don't think I slept more than two hours last night.

Dr. Ezekiel: You need your rest, sir. I recommend you take some time right here to do that. Would you like for me to turn the lights down a little to help you relax? [pause] Sir? [pause] King Asilas? [pause] It appears he is asleep. Let him rest now, I'll just write down the time, it's 12:09 PM...[mumbles something inaudible]

[clock ticking –soft music]

King Asilas: What? [breathing heavily] Huh? Where am I? What am I doing here? Dr. Ezekiel?

Dr. Ezekiel: Your Majesty, you are finally awake. How do you feel?

King Asilas: Umm. Well... Actually, I feel great. Energized. H-H-How long was I asleep?

Dr. Ezekiel: Well, let me look in my notes here, you went to sleep at 12:09 and now it is exactly 9:00 PM so just under 9 hours.

King Asilas: Wow. I haven't slept that long since I don't know when.

Dr. Ezekiel: This is wonderful, sir. I think you will be more than ready for tomorrow's celebrations. I'm actually glad you woke up on your own because your guards and the queen and Quintin Capone and the whole world it seems have been frantically looking and asking for you, but your assistants informed everyone you were taking some time to rest. I really didn't want to be the one to wake you. [pause] Sir, I'm sure cameras will be outside waiting for you. Do you want to freshen up first?

King Asilas: Yes, I suppose I should. I probably look disheveled. Thank you so much doctor. And before you ask, I didn't dream anything at all. You know sometimes dreams don't resurface until later. Well, I can't think of any dream at this moment. Maybe I didn't dream anything. With any luck I didn't. Thanks again, doctor.

Dr. Ezekiel: [chuckles] You're welcome, Majesty...

[music fades out]

Newsreader: In the news this morning, King Asilas and Queen Rebekah are boarding Air Force One for their trip to Washington, D.C. America's royal family will be meeting with England's royal family for a celebration to commemorate the alliance between the New Kingdom of America and Great Britain. On your screen now is Air Force One about to take off from New Eden International Airport....

[King Asilas and Queen Rebekah are on a plane to Washington, D.C.]

King Asilas: Rebekah, can I tell you something? I believe England's King George hates me.

Queen Rebekah: Why do you think that? He hasn't even met you yet. Or perhaps you set him off in a phone conversation. I know how you get sometimes –you really don't have any phone manners, my love.

King Asilas: Capone thinks he hates me. He made a good point the other day –and you've just alluded to the fact this will be our first face-to-face meeting. I think he has avoided me as long as he could.

Queen Rebekah: I'm sure there's a good reason for that. Besides, you met with the Prime Minister a number of times. He's the one with the power in that country, not George.

King Asilas: That's kind of the big joke, my love. In public, King George is a figure head with no governmental powers. But behind the scenes, he's a high level officer of that...*GROUP*. He and his privileged family are an army of reptiles. You know how they operate. I tell you, the whole public song and dance makes me sick! At least in America

we have the gall to say the king is in charge and bleeds human blood. George is a cold-blooded recipient of welfare for the rich elite; *just sickening*.

Queen Rebekah: Sounds like you have no love for him either. Look, I think you are just worried he'll try to make you feel inferior and this is beneath you. King George is probably a snob, but harmless in the grand scheme of things.

King Asilas: Umm... I disagree. I believe he is much more powerful than anyone realizes. Think about it. Since Russia backed those separatist groups in the war, England basically took over Eastern Europe and Russia. King George is always on the news visiting and doing some charity something or other. I'm telling you, there is more to all that. Sure, they have puppet leaders there, but they are extensions of Great Britain –and George is involved in the governing, I'm sure of it. That makes George much more of a force than anyone gives him credit for. It's underhand, exactly the way they like it. And I believe these European alliances are meant to intimidate America and eventually destroy us. I don't trust them one bit.

Queen Rebekah: Asilas, are you worried they'll outsmart you? Because they won't. Are you worried they'll outgun you? Don't be. America will always have the advantage because they have you. You're not some preppy upper crust frat that had a silver spoon your whole life. You fought in wars, you lead men and women to victory on the battlefield. You clawed and fought and outsmarted everyone all the way to the throne. You have something they'll never have: guts and brains and the experience of war and triumph. I will say this to you, my love: they will be arrogant and condescending when in reality they should bow and kiss your ring.

King Asilas: God, I love you woman. I mean, I really, really do.

Queen Rebekah: Never forget that, Asilas. Never forget who I am to you. And never forget that what you do on the world stage is for America –so take your personal feelings out of it.
[jet flying overhead]

Narrator: England's King George presented an image to the world –an image of benevolence and charity. Much like Asilas, he was loved by his people. But unknown to everyone, King George was evil incarnate. He was an instrument of wicked plans orchestrated by the group Asilas referred to as the *monsters*. They, like so many, underestimated Asilas and he eventually figured out who the people were conspiring against him. Because, as Asilas learned in time, that group was not like any other group. They had one goal and would cannibalize themselves if necessary –and often did in order to achieve *world domination*. And at the center of it all was the grand trickster himself, an enigmatic figure that goes by the name of Beals. Asilas did not want to meet with King George until after he addressed the public in Washington D.C., but George insisted. Asilas was already convinced George was merely a mouthpiece for Beals, and in their private meeting, he realized he was right all along.

[sound of doors opening and closing]

King Asilas: Well, here it is, the oval office. This was once the most powerful office in the entire world.

King George: A pity, really. Funny thing I remember when I first sat on the throne –someone whispered a similar phrase. Some say England once ruled the world –as Rome once had. But I never hear anyone reference America that way to be sure.

King Asilas: Perhaps not. But then, it doesn't surprise me since persons of your caliber seldom hear anything beyond the sound of their own voice.

King George: [scoffs] I see. As the U.S. President Bush the second once eloquently put it, “It’s going to be the year of the sharp elbow and the quick tongue.”

King Asilas: I really don’t wish to continue this dance, King George, so let’s skip this song and get to the kiss. Spare me your polished articulation and just tell me in plain language why we stand among the ghosts of U.S. presidents –against my wishes, mind you.

King George: Fine. Perhaps you would prefer chav talk, but I will surely need to bathe afterwards. We hear you are planning a heist of Russia. How ironic they never recovered from *your* civil war. But really, their ineptitude does not make you their master, see? I have been sent to warn you, Asilas... *Stand down.*

King Asilas: [scoffs] Well, George, at least your family can finally be proud of you now. It appears you have been promoted to “desperate messenger boy.”

King George: [chuckles] Apparently you want to dance after all. Very well. Asilas, I understand you cannot possibly know the historical intricacies of world affairs, as you have spent so many of your years in bunkers or following orders on the battlefield. I don’t blame you for being so ignorant in the dynamics of royal families in Europe that span centuries. [pause] You are in way over your head, you see? You are like a-, what do you call them in America, like a stupid redneck with no idea how to behave at galas or formal dinners. Surely, you would prefer we have conversations at a pub and share cheap ale, that might suite your mood better. So let me help you understand something; you can come to the dinner, as you have bullied your invitation, but don’t think for one second you will get to carve the meat.

King Asilas: Let me tell you what, G-E-O-R-G-E, we are going to walk out of this office now, and we are going to smile for the cameras as is our duty. We will shake hands for the public, and when we depart each other, you will sit behind me at the podium and smile and applaud when I finish my speech. And then you will return to your secret lair and you will tell your superiors to send someone next time with a spine. I know you will do this, Your Majesty. You are so well trained. In America, the king does not run errands for those too cowardice to show their faces in the light of day. Now, as you would say, cheers.

King George: Very well, you’ve been warned. We’ve been a group for hundreds of years, Asilas. We have been in this game for thousands. I wouldn’t want to be you.

King Asilas: You couldn’t be me, George. I have the love of God in my heart. All you have are lies... Now, go sit behind me. [the sound of a crowd cheering –King Asilas! King Asilas! King Asilas!"] You hear that? They’re cheering for me, George.

[transition music]

King Asilas: My people of the New Kingdom of America, I am happy because we have reached a milestone. We are the only superpower in the world! [crowd cheers] We accomplished this by being united, by standing with each other as brothers and sisters –as God made us to be. We keep our families together, we support each other by buying goods from our neighbor’s businesses. We grow together by not spending money we don’t have –we did away with credit card debt. We relish what we already have and not covet the possessions of others. And now we are richer and stronger and happier as a people! [crowd cheers] But our prosperity has made certain people angry. There are some among us that want us to choke us in debt. They feed off of our desperation and ignorance. They revile our success, abhor our intelligence as a society. But our spirits will not be broken! [cheers] Our love of God and patriotism will not be shaken! [cheers] I say to you, my brothers and sisters, money has no worth greater than the

lives, the breath, and the love of the people. [louder cheers] Wh-When I was blessed with becoming your king, I thought long and hard about what it means to be a king. I was not born into it like my guests behind me. I was not groomed to be king, nor did the thought ever cross my mind when I was in the army. But our old government were like locusts, devouring everything in their path until nothing was left. I had to stand up. I had to take charge. And now we are here in the light of the sun, in the ascension of goodwill and love. So, my people, let me just say I love my country! The world is not a possession but a gift of love! We will defeat the evil in this world and we will defeat it together! We are all united –UNITED- under one God! [loud cheers] WE WILL PROSPER FOR A THOUSAND YEARS! [chants KING ASILAS! KING ASILAS! KING ASILAS!]

[inspiring music lifts and then fades]

YOU'VE BEEN LISTENING TO THE RISE OF KING ASILAS EPISODE 3: THE MONSTER GROUP. STARRING:
JV TORRES AS KING ASILAS
JEFF ELLIS AS DR. EZEKIEL
MEG MCDONALD AS QUEEN REBEKAH
DON RUDZINSKI AS NEWSREADER
NAOMI CASTILLO AS ABIGAIL
JJ CROWNE AS KING GEORGE
AND NARRATED BY SERGEI BRAHZNIKOV

THIS EPISODE FEATURES THE SONG "MEDICATE" PERFORMED BY MAYNE. VISIT MAYNE'S SITE AS WWW.IAMMAYNE.COM. OTHER CONTRIBUTORS INCLUDE AUDIO JUNGLE, CYCLON8472 @ FREESOUND.ORG AND SCORE BY BRIAN CHEVERIE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PRODUCTION, THE MUSIC AND THE CAST, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.THERISEOGKINGASILAS.COM AND SUBSCRIBE TO THIS PODCAST. THIS PRODUCTION IS COPYRIGHTED 2017 BY NEW KINGDOM RADIO THEATRE IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. AND STAY TUNED FOR EPISODE 4.