

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: THE DEEP DARK WATERS

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FADE IN:

1 EXT. FORBIDDEN COVE - NOVEMBER 1757 - DUSK

1

As CARINA SMYTH (25), beautiful astronomer-turned-Pirate Lord of the Caspian Sea, and HECTOR BARBOSSA JR (4), Carina's curious younger brother, row to a dark cove

And something glimmers off the water

And Carina and Hector Jr enter cove

And land on some rocks

As Hector Jr jumps out of rowboat

And excitedly runs around complex

As Carina lights a torch

And walks to a pair of graves - note markings "Jack Sparrow" and "Hector Barbossa"

And finds that one has been desecrated - Barbossa's

And becomes shocked with horror

CARINA SMYTH
Hector, come here.

As Hector Jr runs over

And shares Carina's shock

HECTOR BARBOSSA JR
Who did this?

CARINA SMYTH
I don't know. But we'll find out soon.

As Carina makes to leave

As Hector Jr finds a ring in the dirt

And looks up

And sees a painting on the wall

HECTOR BARBOSSA JR
Carina!

As Carina returns

And closely examines painting

CARINA SMYTH
This is where our quest begins,
brother.

FADE TO:

Title roll

2 INT. CORRIDOR, MANSION - TWO WEEKS LATER - EVENING

2

As HENRY TURNER (27), headstrong pirate and Governor's affectionate grandson and Carina's former romantic interest refusing to give her up, knocks on bedroom door

As MARGARET SMYTH (54), bright lady living her best life and loving mother of Carina and Hector Jr, answers

MARGARET SMYTH
Yes?

HENRY TURNER
Good evening, Mrs Smyth. The Governor is wondering whether you'd like to dine with him tonight. He wishes to discuss something with all of you.

MARGARET SMYTH
Why, sure. I'll go and tell the others. Thank you, Mr Turner.

As Margaret closes the door

And Henry leaves

CUT TO:

3 INT. DINING ROOM, MANSION - LATER

3

As Henry, ELIZABETH SWANN (49), Henry's mother and Governor's daughter-turned-Pirate King of the Brethren Court, and WILL TURNER (27), Elizabeth's loving husband and Henry's undead father, wait at table

As Margaret, JOSHAMEE GIBBS (76), Margaret's unwell superstitious pirate brother, and Carina join them

JOSHAMEE GIBBS
Apologies for being a little late.

ELIZABETH SWANN
Don't worry. Father won't be long.

As Gibbs coughs

WILL TURNER
Are you alright, Mr Gibbs?

JOSHAMEE GIBBS
Oh, this is nothing. It must be the recent weather.

As a worried Gibbs fidgets

As door opens

And a suspicious figure watches on

And unnerves Gibbs

As GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN (75), Elizabeth's affectionate father and loyal Governor of Port Royal, walks into room

And everybody stands up

As Governor Swann reaches the table

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN
Please, be seated.

As everyone sits down

As a WAITER serves a hearty meal

And everybody tucks in

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN (cont'd)
Now, to the matter at hand. Carina, why do you wish to marry that ghastly young Sparrow? He's a pirate after all.

CARINA SMYTH
I'm betrothed to him simply because I love him. Pirate or not, he's the one for me.

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN
I'm afraid, that won't do. Instead, you will marry Henry, and I sincerely hope you provide him a son within a year.

As Carina looks down in distress

And Henry is glad

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN (cont'd)
The arrangements have already been
made, Miss Smyth.

As Gibbs coughs

CARINA SMYTH
I refuse to marry someone I have no
feelings for. Captain Swann, you of
all people should know this yourself.

As Elizabeth considers

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN
I'm afraid it's too late. You'll wed
two weeks tomorrow.

As Gibbs coughs several times

And Governor Swann is agitated

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN (cont'd)
Have you something to say, Mr Gibbs?

As Gibbs looks at his napkin - note some blood

And Margaret glances over

MARGARET SMYTH
Blood.

As Margaret looks to Gibbs in worry

And holds his hand

JOSHAMEE GIBBS
Forgive me, but I figure it best if I
go and rest, Governor.

As Governor Swann nods

And Gibbs leaves

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN
If we can return to the wedding
plans.

CARINA SMYTH

No. I won't marry Henry no matter what happens.

HENRY TURNER

You surprise me, Carina. I thought we were good friends.

CARINA SMYTH

Henry, that was a long time ago. You're not man enough for starters.

ELIZABETH SWANN

I know how you feel, Carina. But this will be good for both our families.

CARINA SMYTH

My father told me that I could choose who to marry, and I chose Hernán. And that choice still stands.

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN

How dare you refute my wishes!

MARGARET SMYTH

Just let my daughter be, Governor.

As silence hangs over the room

As a distressed Carina leaves

And rubs past Governor Swann

And sneakily spikes his drink

As Governor Swann sheds a tear

As Carina slams door shut

And a terrified Gibbs screams

And everyone looks on in concern

As Governor Swann's temperature suddenly rises

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN

It's awfully hot all of a sudden, don't you think?

As everyone shakes their heads

ELIZABETH SWANN

Are you alright, father?

As Governor Swann has a drink

WILL TURNER
He doesn't look too well.

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN
I think I best retire for the night.
Sleep well, and we can resume our
discussion in the morning.

As a dizzy Governor Swann leaves the table

And walks off

And suddenly collapses towards the door

As Elizabeth runs over to him

ELIZABETH SWANN
Father!

As Governor Swann stays unresponsive

ELIZABETH SWANN (cont'd)
Father, please wake up!

As Elizabeth shares her anguish with Will

CUT TO:

4 INT. MASTER BEDROOM, MANSION - MORNING

4

As an unwell Governor Swann lies in bed

And his worried family surround him

ELIZABETH SWANN
Grantham won't be long, father. He's
checking on Gibbs as we speak.

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN
I cannot wait any longer, Elizabeth.
I feel myself growing weak.

CUT TO:

5 INT. BEDROOM, MANSION - CONTINUOUS

5

As a badly coughing Gibbs tries resting in bed

And Carina, Margaret, Hector Jr, ALICIA REDD (60), Gibbs' long-forgotten but forgiving and caring wife, MARGERY COX (34), Gibbs' and Alicia's eldest daughter and mother of their many grandchildren, and BOLLARD (33), Gibbs' only son following in his father's pirate footsteps, gather around in worry

As DOCTOR GRANTHAM (65), distant relative of the Swanns and self-taught family doctor, takes Gibbs' temperature

And examines the results

MARGERY COX

What is it?

DOCTOR GRANTHAM

I'm afraid to say it, but he's got a terrible case of consumption. I would normally recommend sea air, though he is so sick there is nothing more I can do to help him.

As the family are shocked

JOSHAMEE GIBBS

How long have I got left, doctor?

DOCTOR GRANTHAM

I cannot say, but not that long.

As Gibbs looks down in distress

DOCTOR GRANTHAM (cont'd)

I'll leave you now to say your final goodbyes.

As Doctor Grantham leaves

As the family weep bitterly

As Hector Jr approaches Gibbs

And embraces him

HECTOR BARBOSSA JR

Please don't leave me, uncle.

JOSHAMEE GIBBS

I can't guarantee it, son. But what I can guarantee, is that all the tales I have told you of the sea are true, even if they have not yet all been counted for.

As Hector Jr is amazed

JOSHAMEE GIBBS (cont'd)
I want you to find me treasure and
carry on my tale, even after I am
gone.

As a tearful Hector Jr nods

As Gibbs' coughing worsens

As Margaret approaches Gibbs

And hands Hector Jr to Carina

MARGARET SMYTH
Joshamee, do send Hector my warmest
regards when you reach Fiddler's
Green.

JOSHAMEE GIBBS
I don't want to go, Margaret. That
beast won't leave.

As a tearful Margaret embraces Gibbs

As mysterious figure looks on through window

As the rest form an orderly queue

CUT TO:

6 INT. MASTER BEDROOM, MANSION - CONTINUOUS

6

As Doctor Grantham knocks at door

And Will lets him in

WILL TURNER
We're glad you're here, doctor.
You're just in the nick of time.

As Doctor Grantham approaches an anxious Governor Swann

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN
What's happening to me, Grantham?

DOCTOR GRANTHAM
It appears as if you've come down
with a tropical fever, Governor
Swann. Just rest as much as you can.

As Governor Swann tries relaxing

As Doctor Grantham turns to Elizabeth

DOCTOR GRANTHAM (cont'd)
May I have a word, Mrs Turner? There
is doubt in my mind about his true
condition. Did he take anything
before becoming unwell?

ELIZABETH SWANN
Yes, we had suckling pig last night.
The rest of us are well.

DOCTOR GRANTHAM
Then I suggest you prepare for the
worst. I suspect foul play is the
cause of this.

As a tearful Elizabeth embraces Governor Swann

As Gibbs' loud coughing sounds through wall

And Doctor Grantham quickly leaves

HENRY TURNER
I'm sorry, mother. We can do nothing.

As the coughing stops

And Will and Henry share their shock

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN
Elizabeth, take good care of this
town, will you?

As a sobbing Elizabeth nods

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN (cont'd)
Will, you were always a good man.
Look after my daughter and keep her
well, I beg of you. And young Henry,
make no delay in providing an heir,
or this seat will be lost to some
untrustworthy and soulless fool such
as Washington.

HENRY TURNER
I will, grandfather.

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN
And if any of you dares to return to
piracy, I will surely turn in my
nearing grave.

As the family mark his words
As Governor Swann worsens
And reaches for a drink
And knocks glass to the floor
And glass smashes

ELIZABETH SWANN
Father, please don't go.

GOVERNOR WEATHERBY SWANN
Goodbye, Elizabeth.

As Governor Swann dies
And the family mourn deeply

CUT TO:

7 INT. CORRIDOR, MANSION - CONTINUOUS

7

As a mourning Carina waits outside Gibbs' room
As Henry comes out from Governor Swann's room
And approaches her

HENRY TURNER
How is he?

CARINA SMYTH
He's gone, Henry. I just didn't
expect it to happen so quickly. And
the Governor, has he gone yet?

HENRY TURNER
Aye.

As they grieve a moment - note Carina's partial relief

CARINA SMYTH
What are we going to do now?