MONTAGU and CHOLMONDELEY Act One Scene Four

(MI5 offices. MONTAGU enters with a rush of furious energy)

MONTAGU. Damn, damn damn damn!

CHOLMONDELEY. Oh, er… how'd it go?

MONTAGU. Fantastic, I adore failure.

CHOLMONDELEY. Oh dear!

MONTAGU. Damn!

CHOLMONDELEY. Well, I'm sure whatever the problem was –

MONTAGU. The *problem* is that Johnny "King of the World" Bevan can't see genius when it's staring him in the face!

CHOLMONDELEY. What did he say?

MONTAGU. Oh, some nonsense about attention to detail, I don't know, I wasn't listening.

CHOLMONDELEY. Right.

MONTAGU. What about you, did you get on any better?

CHOLMONDELEY. Oh, well… in the end I… I didn't actually fancy going…

MONTAGU. Oh Charlie, you didn't bottle it did you?

CHOLMONDELEY. You all pushed in front of me! I couldn't very well just barge my way in there!

MONTAGU. So what? You're an Englishman, aren't you? You're tall, handsome, that smile is –

(CHOLMONDELEY grins maniacally)

… Terrifying. That's a passport into any room in the world.

CHOLMONDELEY. Not for me it's not.