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'The Coming Out Party'

FADE UP TO:

EXT. SUBURBAN HOUSE - NIGHT.

WE SEE A NICE SUBURBAN DETACHED HOUSE. THE NOISE FROM THE HOUSE AS WELL AS A BANNER HANGING OVER THE DOOR AND NUMEROUS PARKED CARS TELL US THAT IT IS 'NIGELS' BIRTHDAY. ABOVE THE NOISE WE HEAR SOMEONE TAPPING THE SIDE OF A GLASS...

FATHER (v/o)  
Thank you. Thank you...

CUT TO:

INT. HOUSE - LARGE LIVING ROOM

WE SEE A NUMBER OF GENERATIONS OF THE SAME FAMILY SAT AROUND A LARGE TABLE. DRINKS & PARTY HATS ABOUND. AN UNCLE IS BUSY WALKING AROUND THE TABLE WITH A VIDEO CAMERA. 'FATHER' IS STANDING AT THE HEAD OF THE TABLE GETTING EVERYONES ATTENTION.

FATHER (CONT)  
...Welcome one and all. It's good to see the whole family together to celebrate the 30th birthday of our only son 'Nigel'...

(APPLAUSE OVER)

CUT AWAY TO:

'NIGEL'. HE IS WEARING A TANK-TOP AND A TWEED JACKET. HE IS SAT NEXT TO A SIMILARLY ATTIRE MALE OF SIMILAR AGE. THEY BOTH LOOK NERVOUS.

BACK TO SCENE:

FATHER (CONT)  
...and may I er (coughs) say welcome to our family home to Nigels' er... 'friend'... Jeremy.

CUT AWAY TO:

SHOT OF NIGEL & 'JEREMY': THEY BOTH LOOK NERVOUS AND OUT OF PLACE. MUCH GENERAL COUGHING AND EMBARRASSMENT AROUND TABLE.

BACK TO SCENE:

FATHER (CONT)  
So please, family and... er, friends.  
Raise your glasses... To Nigel.

(APPLAUSE, CHEERS AND SHOUTS OF "Speech! Speech!")

CUT TO:

M/S OF NIGEL AND JEREMY. NIGEL STANDS.

NIGEL  
There's er... something I want to say  
...to you all

JEREMY, FROM HIS SEAT, GRABS NIGELS ARM.

JEREMY  
Nigel... not now... Please!

NIGEL  
No Jeremy, it's got to come out sometime  
... it may as well be now. Mother...  
Father... Gran...

(THE GATHERING ARE HUSHED)

Jeremy is not... my 'Friend'...

(JEREMY ACCEPTS NIGELS HAND. THE UNCLE HURRIEDLY CHECKS THE CAMERA BATTERY)

He's my agent. I'm the Conservative  
Candidate for Little Hampton!

VARIOUS SHOTS OF SHOCKED FAMILY. GRAN FAINTS INTO HER PUDDING, FATHER  
CHOKES ON HIS DRINK ETC'

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