

Setting: Starbucks at London's Victoria Cross Station

Present Day

Cashier: Good Morning, Your Majesty. Would you like your tea as usual?

King George III: Yes! And don't forget the cream!!

John Wilkes Booth: Pardon me sir, but are you King George III?

King George III: Yes, who wants to know?

John Wilkes Booth: My name sir is John Wilkes Booth. I am visiting my brothers here in London. They are in the theatre here. I came from Virginia, in the United States.

King George III: You're from the colonies? I'd like to talk to you about those traitorous devils. Can I buy you a cup of tea?

John Wilkes Booth: Thank you sir, that is very kind. I will have a tea as well. I am afraid I do not have any British currency at the moment; all I have are these American bills. I really dislike the five dollar note, with the picture of that man I shot, Abraham Lincoln on it.

Cashier: I will bring those rights out to you.

King George III: Look at that one with the portrait of George Washington on it; I really do not like that man at all. Tell me sir, why did you shoot Mr. Lincoln? Was he a tyrant?

John Wilkes Booth: Well sir, too many like myself he was. He believed that the slaves should be free and treated like the white man. Many disagreed with him, and our country was divided over this issue. We even had a Civil War because of it. I felt that he needed to be dealt with in such a drastic manner as the act of giving the slaves freedom and rights was just disgraceful. He was still President when I assassinated him.

King George III: Assassination! My goodness, sir, you take your cause to heart! The Prime Minister was assassinated during my reign, so I understand the consequences of such a drastic action.

John Wilkes Booth: Mr. Lincoln was indeed a tyrant to many loyal Southerners who felt that owning slaves was our right. But I do say, sir, that history in the States thinks you a tyrant as well.

King George III: Me, a tyrant? Oh posh. I am no tyrant. Just because I lost to that blasted Washington chap in the Revolution does not make me a tyrant. I ruled those colonies, and how dare they decide that my rule is no longer good enough? That they want to rule themselves! I was what was best for them, not independence!!

John Wilkes Booth: Well sir, I may agree. Had there been no independence from Britain, we would not have had Lincoln as our president, setting the slaves free. But I will ask, why did your granddaughter Queen Victoria not aid us during our Civil War?

King George III: There were many reasons why, but your forces loss at Antietam gave us great pause in getting involved. We felt it better to stay out of it. After all, following the Revolution, we redeemed ourselves in the War of 1812, winning handily.

John Wilkes Booth: Funny sir that is not what I was taught. We were told that the British were defeated.

King George III: America tried to invade Canada twice and failed, and we burned your capital to the ground. How is that being defeated?

John Wilkes Booth: As I understood it, "Old Ironsides" beat up on your navy and let's not forget the Battle of New Orleans, which we won. And the Battle of Baltimore, which served as the inspiration for our national anthem.

King George III: Two hundred years later and your historians still have it wrong. I was too busy defeating Napoleon on the continent to care about such a matter by the way. Let's discuss more enjoyable things- are you going to take in the Olympic Games while you are here in London? Or have you been to any of the Jubilee celebrations for my great-great-great-great granddaughter Elizabeth? 60 years on the throne-how stunning!! I ruled quite a long time myself, 59 years. My granddaughter Victoria outreigned me by 4 years, giving 63 years of service to her country. Such a pity that your presidents do not get to serve for very long, though I do suppose it makes life more interesting, no?

John Wilkes Booth: Well this year is an election year. And I am truly hopeful that we will elect a new president. Our current one is a black man! Can you imagine such a thing! I am afraid I have missed the Jubilee festivities, but am hoping to take in some of the Olympic Games if myself and my brothers Edwin and Junius are not acting in the theatre. I am a Shakespearean actor by trade. We would like to see some of the archery and shooting events, I am particularly fond of those.

King George III: Well we have never had a black prime minister, but we did have a woman. I can see your point, sir.

Cashier: Here is your tea sir. That will be 17 pounds.

King George III: 17 pounds!!! Are you mad? That's outrageous for tea! It's like you are a Yankee Trader!

John Wilkes Booth: Yankees, I hate those guys too! But I do thank you for the tea.

King George III: You are most welcome. It has been an honor and pleasure to speak with you.

John Wilkes Booth: For me as well sir. I think we were both misunderstood. You do not seem a tyrant to me and I was not mad when I shot Lincoln. We both have been judged unfairly I fear. And due to our actions, we made two men immortal in the eyes of the citizens of the United States.

King George III: Yes, yes. Well I must bid you good day sir. My carriage waits.

John Wilkes Booth: Good day sir, and thank you again.