

Berlin drama	Spy story	Love story
<p>Part I: Jack and Annabel come up with a plan for the reunification and regeneration of West Germany. Bevin and Marshall approve the plan, but Watchmaker leaks it to Stalin.</p>	<p>Part I: Annabel investigates the doctored photo and discovers that MI6 did it. She and Jack are partly reassured.</p>	<p>Part I: Jack and Annabel have dinner, then he meets her lover.</p>
	<p>1. a. Jack & Annabel meet on the train. (They have not met for years-she has been at Harvard-but she has always had news of him.) Jack shows her "Chat". The photo has been doctored. b. Arriving at Steepfall, Annabel recalls how Buchanan seduced her then dropped her after that weekend. c. Jack brings his fiancee to dinner.</p>	
<p>2. Jack is made a Junior Minister and charged with drawing up a plan for Germany. He asks: What about Berlin? No one knows the answer. He finds an old friend in the FO: Ronald Trump.</p>		
	<p>3. Annabel tries to find Buchanan, but he has vanished. People she questions are rude and dishonest. This only makes her more determined.</p>	<p>Back in the thirties, Annabel considered Jack a boring pragmatist, by contrast with all those exciting idealists. Since then she has fought a war and learned to value dull pragmatists. But Buchanan wounded her deeply, and she has sworn never to be hurt again. Right now she is in a lesbian relationship.</p>
<p>4. Jack has his first meeting with the Director for Occupied Territories, Sir Alan Fitzsymons. They clash over Jack's insistence on employing Annabel. Jack finds an ally at the FO in Trump. He mentions the doctored photo and (in a conversation we may not necessarily remember) he tells Trump about the visitors' book.</p>		<p>Jack was besotted with Annabel back in the thirties, and he still has a soft spot for her. He is dating Carol, an ingenue. They have manual sex. It is not exactly a grand passion.</p>
	<p>5. Annabel stakes out the Buchanan family home. He is not there, but she talks to staff. A police detective tries to intimidate her.</p>	
<p>6. Jack gets Annabel in to the FO and asks her to write the currency reform part of his plan. Sir Alan is rude to her but she knows more than he does, and she crushes him, which makes him even more resentful. Jack begins to fall back in love with her.</p>		

<p>7. Cock-a-hoop, Annabel tells her colleagues of her new job. A rival advises her that it is not wise for academics to become too closely involved in politics. She reacts indignantly: What is the point of economics if it's never applied? Then it is made clear to her that when they say "politics" they mean "the Labour party", and she realises she will never get her professorship. She decides to do it anyway. (At the end, she will be offered a highly paid job at an international bank.)</p>		
	<p>8. Steepfall is burgled. The visitors book goes.</p>	
<p>9. Jack has a meeting with Mps opposed to aid to Germany. Healy Jones recalls that Buchanan was at Steepfall. Jack's enemies ask him: Is it true you've hired an old girlfriend? He knows this information must have come from Sir Alan.</p>		
	<p>10. Jack tells Annabel what Healy said. Annabel goes to see Healy, but he has changed his story, and now vehemently denies that Buchanan was at Steepfall on the fatal weekend.</p>	
	<p>11. Annabel sees Peter Osborne. He denies the picture was retouched. She tells him (untruthfully, of course) that she has a duplicate. She is hoping this will provoke another burglary.</p>	
		<p>12. Jack is troubled. He cannot call off the engagement—it would break Carol's heart—but should he marry her when he feels so strongly attracted to Annabel?</p>
	<p>13. Annabel catches burglars at her flat. She captures one and hands him over to the police. But they let him go.</p>	
	<p>14. Sir Alan tells Jack he has received a warning from MI6 that Annabel is behaving strangely. Jack turns the tables and demands to know what interest MI6 could possibly have in Annabel, and why they have encouraged the police to let the burglar go. But MI6 refuse to answer questions.</p>	

	<p>15. Annabel goes to an address she found in the burglar's wallet and stakes it out. She sees Buchanan and follows him—all the way to MI6 headquarters. There she accosts him. He says there is no great mystery: he has been out of the country. He admits he is with MI6 and says they are protective of their people and don't like to see photographs published. He reminds her how in the war published pictures of Germany generals were helpful to our intelligence people. She does not know whether to buy this story.</p>	
	<p>16. Jack says this is weak. Trump gives a more convincing story. He says Buchanan foolishly lied at his MI6 interview, saying he had never met Daisy, a famous communist. The photo would have revealed that lie. It was B personally, not MI6, who doctored the photo. Jack asks Trump to become his private secretary.</p>	
		<p>17. Bevin accepts Jack & Annabel's plan. They have dinner to celebrate. Annabel takes him home to meet her lesbian partner. He is devastated.</p>
	<p>18. Watchmaker tells Nik Jack's entire plan. Nik is devastated and says: "Baxter must be destroyed."</p>	
<p>Part II: Annabel and Jack commit to saving West Berlin, but Watchmaker tells Stalin the West will not go to war over it.</p>	<p>Part II: Annabel learns that Buchanan is a spy, but we realise he is not the only one.</p>	<p>Part II: Jack sets a date for his wedding. Then Annabel's lover leaves.</p>
<p>19. Watchmaker and Nik plot the downfall of Jack. Watchmaker arranges for MI6 to give Jack a misleading briefing on Czechoslovakia. When Healy Jones surprises Jack with a question in the House, Jack says the Czech government is stable.</p>		
		<p>20. Jack arranges a date for his wedding.</p>
	<p>21. Watchmaker explains to Nik that he has another problem, a photo that could destroy him.</p>	

<p>22. Annabel goes to Frankfurt, where the new Deutschemarks, in cartons marked "Operation Bird Dog", are being taken out of the Reichsbank vaults and distributed around the Trizone. She sees Bill Buchanan there. Suspecting his story, she tails him. Does she also have a last fling with him?</p>		
<p>23. On 21-25 Feb there is a Communist coup in Czechoslovakia. Jack's enemies in the Labour party demand his resignation.</p>		
	<p>24. Annabel finds Joan, who says she was having an affair with Stanley, but Marthe was doing the same with Healy.</p>	
	<p>25. Jack confronts MI6 and demands to know why they misled him. They deny it. And the paper is gone from Jack' files.</p>	
<p>26. Nik learns what Annabel is doing in Frankfurt and is very worried by it.</p>		
	<p>27. Healy tells Annabel that Daisy tried to recruit him to the KGB that weekend. Daisy also said that Healy would have to give up all his socialist friends. Annabel realises this is why Buchanan dropped her.</p>	
<p>28. Jack accuses MI6 of misleading him. They deny it. And the paper is gone from the files.</p>		
	<p>29. Buchanan defects, saving Jack.</p>	
<p>30. Annabel goes to Berlin and is horrified by conditions there. Zusanna explains the way the Communists are trying to take control, mainly by forcing the SPD to amalgamate with the KPD. Annabel rashly promises Zusanna that the West will not abandon Berlin.</p>		
	<p>31. Nik comes to Watchmaker with a question. Stalin has been told (by Walter Pieck, 26 Mar) that the KPD cannot win the October city council election in Berlin. Stalin has asked: Will the West go to war over Berlin?</p>	
		<p>32. Annabel's lover leaves her, saying: "You're fond of me, but you're not a lesbian, and I've found someone who is hungry for me sexually."</p>

33. Annabel persuades Jack not to abandon Berlin. Jack asks Bevin to stand by the SDP. But, Bevin says, he will not go to war over Berlin.		
	34. Watchmaker, cock-a-hoop, tells Nik that the West will not go to war over Berlin.	
Part III: Jack and Annabel implement the new regime and avoid WW3	Part III: They realise Trump is the spy and use him for disinformation.	Part III: Jack calls off the engagement. Annabel has another lover. But in the end she chooses Jack.
35. The Allies announce the new currency for the trizone on Friday 18 June. It will become legal on Sunday 20. Nothing is said about Berlin but Annabel secretly flies millions of Dms into Berlin.		
	36. Watchmaker tells Nik what Annabel is doing. The Soviets announce that the Ostmark will be the only currency in all sectors of Berlin. Not having any legal authority to do this, they order the city council so to rule.	
37. Annabel tells Zusanna the West will back the council if it defies the Soviets. Zusanna pretends to her Soviet contacts that the council is going to capitulate.		
	38. Watchmaker tells Nik the council is going to defy the USSR.	
39. On 23 June, Annabel summons all managers of Stadkontor bank branches for a "briefing" at 3pm. They are given cartons of Dms and driven back to their offices in British Army trucks.		
40. There is a violent demonstration outside the city council building. Nevertheless, the council defies the Russians.		
	41. Jack and Annabel realise that someone is still giving the Soviets inside information about their plans. There must be another spy.	
42. At 6am on 24 June, the blockade of Berlin begins. Jack plans the airlift. But will Stalin shoot down the planes?		

	43. Annabel confronts Peter Osborne. Threatening him with what she learned in Part I, she asks him who actually doctored the photo. He says it was Trump. She realises that Trump, too, changed his life after that weekend.	
44. On 25 June the DM becomes legal tender in all sectors of Berlin. Ernie Bevin and General Brownjohn report to a crisis meeting of the British cabinet. The West cannot fight the Soviets, because the Red Army is still at full strength whereas the USA and the UK have demobilised. We have the atom bomb, but there is only one, and no one is sure it will work.		
	45. Jack tells Trump that if the Russians shoot down a single supply plane, Truman will drop an atom bomb on Leningrad.	
46. On Saturday 26 June (at ? Frankfurt) Jack boards a C47 transport plane loaded with 80 tons of flour, milk and medical supplies, the first of 25 such planes. He takes off and flies into Soviet airspace, expecting at any minute to be shot down. He lands safely at Tempelhof. Annabel is waiting.		
<i>Epilogue: Trump commits suicide or defects. Jack is promoted. Annabel gets a job with a bank. They are engaged. Tito defies Stalin.</i>		

\\Datserv\data\WP60\KEN\MSS\Steepfall\OutlineNotes4.wpd