

ALL.

LAND OF YESTERDAY!

HEY!

(LILY ends up in VLAD's arms. She's shocked to see him!)

START HERE → LILY. Vlad Popov! I thought the Bolsheviks put you in front of a firing squad.

VLAD. They did, but when they gave the order to fire, no one could pull the trigger.

LILY. I can't imagine why not.

VLAD. I still melt hearts, *ma chère*, just as you still melt mine.

[MUSIC NO. 19 "THE COUNTESS AND THE COMMON MAN"]

I crossed a continent for this moment.

(He devours her hand with kisses.)

LILY. Still up to your old tricks!

VLAD. Admit you're happy to see me.

LILY. I'm glad you're not dead but that's as far as I'm prepared to go.

(LILY and VLAD move towards the garden. They will stroll during the following.)

Scene Five
The Garden

LILY. What are you doing in Paris?

VLAD. Didn't you get my letter?

LILY. And I promptly tore it up.

VLAD. You've grown hard, my darling Lily.

LILY. No harder than I need be.

VLAD. My precious Lily.

LILY. I'm not the woman you remember, Vlad.

VLAD. No, you're even lovelier than I remember.

*(He's already kissing her arm clear up to her
shoulder.)*

My hot-blooded, sensual, passionate mistress.

LILY. That was then: when the world was beautiful.

VLAD. We'll make it beautiful again – in Paris, the city for
lovers.

LILY. If only we could.

VLAD. Ever since that first day I saw you at court, I knew
I was beneath you.

LILY. You were right, darling, you were.

END HERE

(She's falling in love with him again.)

VLAD.

I NOTICED YOU ACROSS A ROOM –
THE MOST EXQUISITE ROSE.
THE TINIEST TIARA AND
THAT HAUGHTY LITTLE NOSE.
I FLIRTED WITH YOU SHAMELESSLY

LILY.

OR SO THE SCANDAL GOES...
THE COUNTESS

VLAD.

AND THE COMMON MAN.
WE TIPTOED OFF TO PETERHOF
TO HAVE A ROYAL FLING.