

# Scene 4

*A day later, Grace and Gunny have gone ashore and are hiding out in an old forest hut. They are being hunted by English soldiers. Both of them are wet and cold.*

**Grace:** Get a fire going, Gunny. I'll keep watch.

**Gunny:** A bit of food wouldn't hurt. I'm so hungry I could eat an elephant.

**Grace:** You've never seen an elephant, and what if it eats you first?



**Gunny:**

That shows how much you know, Captain. Elephants don't eat people. They eat each other.

**Grace:**

If you keep talking, nobody will be eating anything.

**Gunny:**

Aye, but look at that – the fire's lit. Now if we only had some food ...

**Grace:**

Shush! Someone's coming. Let's hope it's Mac.

*Grace flings open the door. Mac comes in carrying a heavy sack.*

**Grace:**

Greetings, Mac. It's good of you to drop by.



# Scene 6

*On 6th September 1593, Grace's ship arrives at Greenwich Palace on the River Thames in London. Grace and Mac are led inside by an angry Lord Bingham. Gunny is made to wait outside.*

**Grace:**

The Queen has agreed to see me to discuss the problems involving my family?

**Bingham:**

She has, but against my wishes.

**Mac:**

Take us to her, then.

**Bingham:**

Do not order me about, pirate! The Queen has given safe passage to your captain, not to you. I could have you hanged from the nearest tree!

**Mac:**

How dare you!

**Grace:**

Be calm, Mac. Lord Bingham, we have not come all this way to exchange angry words. Please take us to the Queen, if you would be so kind.

**Bingham:**

*(reluctantly)* As you wish, Captain. Wait here a moment.

*Lord Bingham leaves.*

