

BARBARA           What is it Prime Minister? Spit it out! I'm a busy woman.

ALL                (*Audience aside.*) FIERY! LIKE HER HAIR!

HAROLD           Barbara, you know when you've lent your lawn mower to a friend because you can see that the neighborhood would be improved if he mowed his lawn.

                      (*BARBARA and AIDES look quizzically at the audience.*)

                      He forgets to return it. He starts to think it's his. He goes around mowing other people's lawns, he's out of control. Field mice and voles lose their habitats. Every green shoot is mowed down, until finally, a once green and pleasant land is brown and lifeless.

BARBARA         If you want to talk about the union's abuse of power, don't use silly metaphors. I don't beat around the bush.

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HAROLD           The Labour Party is dependent on the trade union movement.

BARBARA         You can't tell me anything about the trades unions. I paid my first union dues when they were still on the tit!

HAROLD           Barbara, Barbara! It's easy being the opposition, it's just a lot of eating and drinking, but we're the Government now.

BARBARA         I came into politics to improve the lot of the working classes.

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HAROLD           Rome wasn't built in a day. This is a crisis! Secretary of State for Taking on the Unions, have you got the balls for it?

BARBARA         I know I have.

HAROLD           I've never seen them.

BARBARA         I've been hiding them under a bushel.

HAROLD           Barbara, you're the right man for the job, don't let me down.