

## Henry VI Part 2 abbreviated

Act 2, Scene 2

### History

**Situation: Ambitious Richard Plantagenet, generally known as York, very much a royal through a number of blood lines, offers Salisbury and Warwick a good history lesson, both men being Nevilles and talented and influential men.**

YORK: Now, my good lords of Salisbury and Warwick, our simple summer ended, give me leave in this close walk to satisfy myself in requesting your opinion of my title, which is infallible, to England's crown.

SALISBURY: My lord, I long to hear it at full.

WARWICK: York, begin; and if the claim be good, the Nevilles are thy subjects to command.

#### York to Salisbury and Warwick, No. 1

**My lords, seven sons had Edward the Third.  
First, the Prince of Wales, the Black Prince, Edward.  
Second, William of Hatfield died for want  
Of an heir; the third, Lionel, Duke of  
Clarence, sans a son; next was John of Gaunt,  
The Duke of Lancaster; the fifth, Duke of  
York, Edmund Langley; Thomas of Woodstock  
Was the sixth; William, the last from this rock.  
The Black Prince died before his father took  
Ill and died, leaving Richard, his only  
Son to reign as rightful king. Bolingbroke,  
Gaunt's son, deposed Richard, unrightfully;  
Seizing the realm; sending him to Pomfret  
Where an unkind death harmless Richard met.**

WARWICK: Father, the duke hath told the truth; thus got the house of Lancaster the crown.

YORK: Which now they hold by force and not by right; for Richard, the first son's heir, being dead, the issue of the next son should have reigned.