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## Call on Me in the Day of Trouble

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She had always wanted to feel needed and useful, but this, well it was somewhat over the top. He wanted a PR, Manager, Executive, Secretary and general dogs body all wrapped up under the label 'Internship', for the privilege of serving the needs of Hugh Hedges MP.

Her 3rd class degree was never discussed because dear daddy, the father she could never please, knew the Right People who didn't ask too many questions. A good thing really because a degree in Equestrian Psychology and Sports Science didn't really equip her for anything the Permanent Parliamentary Secretary in the department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport might want her to do. Though she did very well when his wife asked her to collect the dry cleaning.

Rowena wished she had stayed on at Uni. to do that Masters. No pressure there, simply attend the weekly one to one tutorial. The tutors recognised students needed a stress free environment, very appealing from where she was sitting with her MP and his wife.

Now, not only had she to prove herself to her boss, "call me Hugh", she was also conscious that she had got herself into this so that her Dad would be proud of her. Her academic achievements were never going to do this, but working for an MP did carry some prestige in her father's world.

Hugh, had aspirations, ambition and goals. He explained, endlessly that his work ethic reflected these things. All the time emphasising how passionate he was about his loyalty to his Party's manifesto to all the overlooked folk like Vegans and Vegetarians, and how he must work towards removing subsidies from the meat farmers.

He also mentioned his business was developing alternative protein to meat, which was already ahead of the game producing Quorn, Tofu and a new vegetable product. Amongst her duties, copying those accounts, showed he was doing very well in this field too. All things her father admired.

While fulfilling Hugh's demands, Rowena became aware that her only way forward was to emulate his wife, marry the man who wanted to 'get on' then she too would be able to order the intern to collect the childrens' library books. There was a real goal for her.

For a start she would go with that fellow to the Party social, he was an ambitious Hugh follower. She may not be her father's favourite or have goals, had never even won a prize though she did know she was attractive, had lots of womanly skills - not at all PC these days.

Hopefully the guys who followed her MP Hugh wouldn't care about that. She was a quick learner too, in this materialistic world, that was important. All this would also give her an entree to her father's world, he loved all those attributes, especially if she gave him an excuse to use their local church for the wedding.