



In the late 1700s, the Duke of Hastings was very excited because his wife ___ (give) birth to a boy. He was called Simon and he ___ (be) the future Duke of Hastings. The duchess ___ (die) from complications during childbirth, and the father ___ (leave) Simon alone to attend to his business. Simon ___ (can not speak) a word when the duke ___ (visit) him two years later. The duke ___ (call) Simon an idiot and he ___ (be) furious that he couldn't be the perfect heir.

Years later, Simon ___ (grow up) and he ___ (not want) to marry any woman. Then, he ___ (meet) the daughter of an important family in London. It is then, when they ___ (start) their fake romance... Or not.