

## INDIAN STORY

Sc 1

Four-hundred-million people face a new destiny, as Britain voluntarily hands to them the rights of a self-governing dominion, within the framework of the British Commonwealth of Nations. The further choice of Independence outside this slender tie of kinship remains with them.. and with the future. India is free!

Sc 9

Karachi, capital of the new states of Pakistan, greets India's last Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, as he arrives to sever the last bonds of British rule which bind the great Empire, ~~and to replace them with~~ <sup>leaving only</sup> the ties of lasting, understanding friendship.

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Governor-General of the new State, <sup>Mohamed</sup> ~~Mr~~ Ali Jinnah, pledges himself to service of the people.. and, in a message from the King, Lord Mountbatten carries the sincere wishes of a freedom-loving race to the millions who will live under the new flag of Pakistan.

Sc 22

News of the riots and disturbances in Bengal and the Punjab already brings the burden of responsibility upon the Governor-General; but Pakistan will face her trials confident in his wise leadership.

Sc 37 In New Delhi thousands press forward to Government-House, where Pandit Nehru, (Prime Minister of the States of ~~India, probably~~ India,) in the name of the Assembly, formally requests Lord Mountbatten to accept the post of Governor-General. In Durbar Hall he takes the oath of office at the hands of India's chief Justice; and, in turn, the twelve members of his Cabinet are then sworn in.

Sc 46 Jubilation spreads along the highways, and the route <sup>the</sup> to Constituent Building (where Lord Mountbatten is <sup>again</sup> to deliver <sup>a</sup> the message from the King) is packed with ~~crowds~~ <sup>vast</sup> crowds far beyond the powers of police to hold in check. Cabinet members reach the Hall with difficulty; and Pandit Nehru, idol of the crowd, is held under a state-of-siege, when once within the building.

Sc 63 The lancers of the Governor-General's bodyguard clear <sup>a</sup> passage through the solid crowds, and, to a deafening roar of acclamation, Lord Mountbatten joins the Prime Minister in the beleaguered hall.

Sc 71 The departure from Constituent Hall <sup>is</sup> was the signal for the start of unrestricted <sup>festivity;</sup> ~~feasting;~~ and the Governor-General and his Lady miss ~~no~~ part of the excitement. Surrounded by a throng of young admirers they toured the varied sideshows of the fairground.

Sc 84 To the final grand parade of Independence Day, the  
 \* The Governor-General's coach set off. It never reaches its

destination, for India's vast ~~assembly~~ of good-humoured *strongs*  
derided the efforts of the police to clear a passage, and  
turned the drive into a tribute of unfeigned goodwill  
towards the Governor-General and his Cabinet.

So 91

With Pandit Nehru at his side, a <sup>GREAT</sup> grandson of the  
old Queen-Empress salutes a new flag, and heralds a new  
day through which the Indian dominions walk in free  
partnership.