

Hamilton, William artist. Third part of King Henry VI, act 3, scene 2, King Edward, Gloster, Clarence, & Lady Elizabeth Grey [graphic]. London:

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In this scene, Lady Elizabeth Grey begins her ascent to the English queenship. Though Edward is eager to have her as his mistress, the recently widowed Elizabeth refuses his advances. Her obstinacy prompts the young king -- known for his fondness for women -- to propose. The conflict between Elizabeth, her relatives, the Duke of Clarence, and the future Richard III begins building here, eventually culminating in tragedy in *King Richard III*.