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THE GAME — AN EXPLOSIVE DEPICTION OF THE COLD WAR PREMIERING ON BBC FIRST MARCH 23

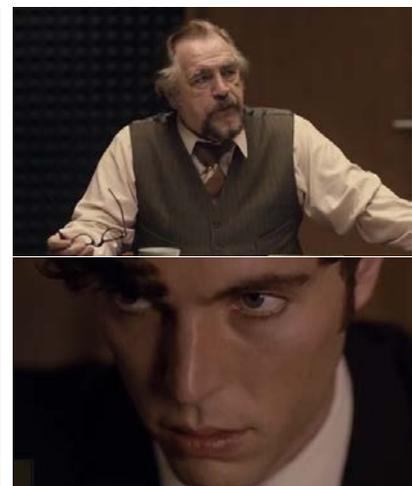
NEXT LEVEL ENTERTAINMENT, COURTESY OF SMART SCRIPTS AND A CAST OF FINELY DRAWN CHARACTERS.” *ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY (US)*

Tension, uncertainty and the palpable fear that life as you knew it, could change in an instant...

The Game, a six-part, edge-of-your-seat thrill ride premieres on BBC First at 8.30pm from March 23 and takes viewers back to a time when the proliferation of espionage was at an all-time high.

Created by critically acclaimed **Toby Whithouse** (*Being Human, Doctor Who*), *The Game* is set in 1972 London when tensions are at a terrifying peak as the world's super powers plot against their enemies. The threat: a dangerous and deadly Soviet plot, designed to bring Britain to its knees, dubbed Operation Glass. This is where **The Game** begins – a stylish, character-driven spy drama that explores the lives and lies of the invisible soldiers fighting a secret war. When an MI5 agent is contacted by a defecting KGB officer about the plan to destroy the British establishment, MI5 leader, Daddy (**Brian Cox**, *The Bourne Supremacy, An Adventure in Space and Time*), assembles a secret committee to investigate the threat in a frantic race against time. Their mission: stop the plot, save Britain and in turn, the world.

With relations between the Soviet Union and Britain fractured due to the former's occupation of Eastern Europe, the series shines a light on how spying and covert operations further damaged the two nations' relationship. The KGB, accused of countless crimes, dispatched spies all over Britain to embed themselves alongside her finest in order to infiltrate and later, carry out acts of terror.



Starring **Tom Hughes** (*Dancing On The Edge, Cemetery Junction*), **Brian Cox** (*Troy, The Bourne Supremacy*), **Paul Ritter** (*Quantum Of Solace, The Libertine*), **Shaun Dooley** (*The White Queen, Misfits*), **Chloe Pirrie** (*Black Mirror, Shell*), **Victoria Hamilton** (*Lark Rise To Candleford, What Remains*), **Jonathan Aris** (*Sherlock, Bright Star*) and **Judy Parfitt** (*Call The Midwife, Little Dorrit*).

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