# CHARACTER Q&A: RICHARD III

Complex, troubled, tragic? Or just a really bad guy? We spent some time getting to know the real Richard III.

## **TELL US YOUR STORY IN ONE SENTENCE**

In one sentence, my story is: I'm a cunning and power-hungry nobleman who will stop at nothing to become King of England, even if it means causing a lot of trouble along the way.

#### WHEN YOU SAY 'CAUSING A LOT OF TROUBLE', IS THAT A EUPHEMISM FOR HAVING PEOPLE KILLED?

Mostly, yes.

## **GREAT. WHO IS YOUR BEST FRIEND?**

My best friend is the Duke of Buckingham, who helps me plot and scheme to get the throne, but even the best of friendships can go awry when ambition takes over.

## WHO IS YOUR WORST ENEMY AND WHY?

My worst enemy is probably my own twisted ambition, which drives me to hurt others and ultimately leads to my downfall.

# IF YOU COULD BE AN ANIMAL, WHAT ANIMAL WOULD YOU BE AND WHY?

If I could be an animal, I'd be a cunning fox, because I'm always thinking up clever plans and sneaking around to get what I want. I'm also a big Leicester City fan.

# WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE BISCUIT AND WHY?

My favourite biscuit is a Dark Chocolate Ginger Biscuit, because it's got a bit of spice and a little bitterness, just like me.

## AGAIN, IS 'A BIT OF SPICE' A EUPHEMISM FOR COMMITTING APPALLING ACTS OF EVIL?

Again, yes.

## THANKS - GOOD TO BE CLEAR! WHAT POP SONG BEST SUMS YOU UP?

The pop song that best sums me up is Smooth Criminal by Michael Jackson, because well...

# WHAT'S YOUR SECRET SKILL?

My secret skill is persuasion; I can convince people to do just about anything, even when it's not in their best interest.

And that's me, Richard III! I hope you enjoyed learning a little about my life, but remember, ambition can be a dangerous thing if it goes too far. Keep your friends close and your enemies closer, but don't lose sight of what really matters!





