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William Shakespeare's

# KING LEAR



## Cast:

Lear  
Regan  
Goneril  
The Fool  
Cordelia

Yuri Yarvet  
Elsa Radzin  
Galina Volchek  
Oleg Dal  
Valentina Shendrikova

## Credits:

Producer  
Director  
Screenplay  
From the play by  
Photography  
Music

Grigori Kozintsev  
Grigori Kozintsev  
Boris Pasternak  
William Shakespeare  
Jonas Grius  
Dimitri Shostakovich

## Story:

King Lear divides his kingdom between two of his three daughters, Goneril and Regan, and plans to live half the year with each. Cordelia, the third daughter, has displeased Lear and is banished to France. To Lear's surprise and anger, Goneril and Regan turn him out. The Earl of Gloucester, taking pity on Lear, gives him shelter. Suspected of complicity with the French, who, led by Cordelia, have invaded to restore Lear to his throne, Gloucester is blinded by Goneril and Regan and dies. The half-mad Lear, guided by the faithful Earl of Kent, joins Cordelia at Dover, where they are defeated and imprisoned. All three daughters dead, Lear dies of grief and is succeeded as King by the Duke of Albany, who, in turn, names Edgar, Gloucester's legitimate heir, as heir apparent to the throne.

140 minutes. USSR, 1971. Black and white.  
In Russian with English subtitles.  
Cinemascope.

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