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Alexander Korda's That Hamilton

Woman (1942), from a screenplay by Walter Reisch and R. C. Sherriff, with ter Reisch and R. C. Sherriff, with Laurence Olivier, Vivien Leigh, Gladys Cooper, and Alan Mowbray, is Emma and Horatio biographically and Viv and Larry iconographically as set to a lushly imperial score by Miklos Rozsa. The vulgar, reactionary personalities of the Admiral and his tainted lady, as transformed through the twinkling, sensual complicity of Leigh and Olivier, so seized the imagination of Winston Churchill that he declared the film the greatest he had ever seen. Olivier, even under an eyepatch and otherwise ravaged face, smiles, slowly curls his lips, and awkwardly creases his cheeks in acknowledging for all time the precious privilege of being admitted into the arms of a beautiful woman with a marvelously grown-up sense of humor. The legendary but far from mythical Leigh and Olivier bring magical passion to the tattered pageantry of a wellmounted film. (Co-feature: Twenty-One Days Together with Olivier and Leigh)